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REMOVAL.

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MEETINGS.

Attention, Sir Knights.

Regular Conclave of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, K. T., this (Wednesday) evening, at 7½ o'clock. Work on the order of K. T.

J. C. DICKERSON, Recorder.

Masonic.

Special Communication of Blazey Lodge No. 271, A. F. & A. M., this (Wednesday) evening at half past 7 o'clock. Work in the M. M. degree.

P. O. JOYNER, Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

Further Details of the Credit Mobilier Investigation.

Testimony of Messrs. Garfield, Ham, Durant, and Brooks' Son-in-law.

The Senate Finance Committee on the $44,000,000 Surplus Greenbacks.

The Caldwell Investigation---Nothing of Grave Importance Unearthed Yesterday.

Proceedings in Congress.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FINANCIAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Congress, at an early day, will have an opportunity to pass upon the claim put forward by Secretary Boutwell, that under existing laws he has a right to increase the currency to the extent of $44,000,000 beyond the limit of $356,000,000 established by his predecessor. The Senate Finance Committee submitted a majority report, signed by Senator Sherman and four other members of the Committee, which denies that the Secretary has any right, and which argues that the plain intention of Congress, in its legislation on legal tender matters since 1863, has been to gradually reach specie payments through a contraction of the currency; that this policy, in consequence with such intent, was inaugurated by Secretary McCulloch; that the creditors of the United States throughout the world had been given to understand that the Government would do nothing to depreciate its securities or impair the credit of its obligations. This may said to be in obief the theory on which the majority report proceeds, and the resolution accompanying the report sets forth that the Secretary has no right to increase the currency a single dollar. The minority of the Committee, however, composed of Senators Wright, of Iowa, and Ferry, of Michigan, are preparing a report to-night, which will be submitted to the Senate to-morrow, which negatives the majority report in every particular, and which concludes with a resolution affirming the right of the Secretary to issue this $44,000,000. The minority set forth that the question is one simply for lawyers, and to be decided only by a fair construction of the statutes. They hold that the acts of Feb. 25, 1862, Feb. 12, 1863, and March 3, 1863, confer unequivocably upon the Secretary the power to issue and re-issue United States notes to amount not exceeding $450,000,000, subject only to the restriction that $50,000,000 shall be reserved for the redemption of temporary loan deposits, to be issued only when necessary for that purpose, and the amount issued by those laws which may be used for permanent circulation is $400,000,000. They hold that the statutes above referred to expressly confer upon the Secretary not only the power to issue United States notes but to re-issue any such notes received or returned into the Treasury, or to cancel and destroy the same, and issue others in their place within or up to the limit of four hundred millions. The minority make issue with the majority as to the fact it has been the intention of Congress to legislate in the direction of contracting. In this view, they hold that the two different occasions when Congress has legislated positively upon the subject, it has been to arrest a reduction of the amount of currency in circulation; first, by prescribing the rates of reduction according to a fixed monthly limit; and, second, by an absolute suppression of the process. But on no occasion has Congress shown a positive intention to arrest or modify, in any manner, the authority of the Secretary to issue and re-issue United States notes to the extent of $400,000,000, as the exigencies of the public service may require. Especial attention is called to the fact that the act of Feb. 4, 1863, related wholly to the authority and practice of the Secretary with reference to the withdrawal of notes from actual circulation, whether reissued or not, and in no particular to the exercise of the power of issuing, conferred by former acts. It will thus be seen that this vexed question will be fairly before Congress for discussion on its naked legality. The minority report will be submitted to-morrow to be presented with the one submitted to-day by the majority.

POSTAL LAWS.

The decision of the Postmaster General, that mail matter not fully pre-paid at the office of mailing shall pay double postage, even though one full rate is pre-paid, has met with such general opposition and censure that the House Post Office Committee to-day took up the question for discussion, and decided unanimously, except one vote, that Mr. Creswell's construction of the law was an improper one. The following joint resolution was then agreed to by the Committee:

Resolved, That the true intent and meaning of Sections 151 and 152 of the act to revise, consolidate, and amend the statute in relation to the Post Office Department, approved June 8, 1872, among other things, that when one full rate of postage has been prepaid, as required by law, on the mail matter in said section mentioned, such mail matter shall be forwarded to its destination, charged with the unpaid postage collected on delivery, and that no double rate of postage shall be collected where such partial prepaid has been made.

The Postmaster General was before the Committee's consultation on the general subject of his Department, and it is probable he will modify his order before the resolution is presented. It may possibly go to the Attorney General for his decision. The question of the reduction of letter postage to two cents for each half ounce was discussed by the Committee at some length, and seems to be favorably regarded. The Postmaster General is also understood to favor it. It seems probable the Committee will agree to the proposition for the payment of newspaper postage in order to avoid the transportation of large quantities of newspapers which are never paid for and not taken out of the office.

THE DURELL INVESTIGATION.

The House Judiciary Committee, at its meeting to-day, did not consider the resolution in regard to Judge Durell, of Louisiana, and will not take the question up until the papers that were submitted are printed.

CONSCIENCE MONEY.

Oakes Ames received a conscience contribution to-day of $400 from an unknown source, supposed to be on account of loans or debts in connection with Credit Mobilier transactions. It was directed to him in an envelope, and was not accompanied by any note or explanation.

SOUTHERN CLAIMS.

The House Claims Committee to-day agreed to report a bill giving the East Tennessee University at Knoxville $18,500 for damages sustained to that institution by the war and its occupancy by United States soldiers. The Committee also agreed to give no further payment to the London Quakers, Virginia, Quakers the sum of $70,000, making a total of $270,000 in payment of supplies, principally live stock, taken by General Sheridan during the war.

THE SYNDICATE.

Levi P. Morton, a leading banker of New York, was before the Ways and Means Committee, today, on the subject of the "Syndicate." Mr. Dawes asked him if he was in the "old Syndicate." He answered that he was not. The Chairman then inquired if he expected to be in the new one, and Mr. Morton said if it should be organized.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CREDIT MOBILIER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Dr. Durant denies that he ever asserted that William E. Dodge was implicated in the Credit Mobilier. G. F. Train says the Dodge Durant referred to is General Granville Dodge, at one time engineer on the Union Pacific, now in the military with Grant, silent partner in the Montana Indian job, and engineer of Tom Scott's Southern Pacific.

[To the Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—In the Credit Mobilier Committee, to-day, the Chairman, Mr. Poland, decided that the records of the War Department asked for by Brooks to show the character of M'Comb were foreign to the subject under investigation.

Neilson, Brooks' son-in-law, testified that he borrowed $5,000 of Dillon after six months' acquaintance and without any previous business transaction, giving Dillon Union Pacific stock as security. He was told by Brooks that he was entitled to fifty additional shares of the Credit Mobilier.

James A. Garfield was sworn, and made the following statement: The first I ever heard of the Credit Mobilier was some time in 1866 or 1867.—I cannot fix the date,—when George Francis Train called on me, and said he was organizing a Company to be known as the Credit Mobilier of America, to be formed on the model of the Credit Mobilier of France; that the object of the Company was to purchase lands and build houses along the line of the Pacific Railroad at points where cities and villages were likely to spring up; that he had no doubt that the money thus invested would double or treble itself each year; that the subscriptions were limited to $1,000 each, and he wished me to subscribe. He showed me a long list of subscribers, among them Oakes Ames, to whom he referred me for further information concerning the enterprise. I answered that I had not any money to spare, and, if I had, I would not subscribe without knowing more about the proposed organization. Train left me, saying he would hold a place open for me, and hoped I would yet conclude to subscribe. The same day I asked Ames what he thought of the enterprise. He expressed the opinion that the investment would be safe and profitable. I heard nothing further on the subject for a year or more, and it was almost forgotten, when some time, I should say, during the long session of 1868, Ames spoke of it again. He said some of the stock had been left, or was to be left, in hands to sell, and I could take the amount which Train had offered me, by paying $1,000 and accrued interest. He said if I was not able to pay for it then, he would hold it for me until I could pay, or until some of the dividends were payable. I told him I would consider the matter, but would not agree to take any stock, until I knew from an examination of the charter and conditions of the subscription the extent to which I should become pecuniarily liable. He said he was not sure, but thought a stockholder would be liable only for the par value of his stock. That he had not the stock and papers with him, but would have them after a while. From the case as presented, I probably should have taken stock if I had been satisfied in regard to its extent and pecuniary liability. There this matter rested for some time, I think until the following year. During that time I understood there were dividends due amounting to nearly three times the par value of the stock; but in the meantime I had heard that the Company was involved in some controversy with the Pacific Railroad. That Ames' right to sell the stock was denied. When I next saw Ames, I told him I had concluded not to take the stock. Then the matter ended, so far as I was concerned, and I had no further knowledge of the Company's operations until the subject began to be discussed in the newspapers last fall. Nothing was ever said to me by Train or Ames to indicate or imply that the Credit Mobilier was or could be in any way connected with the legislation of Congress for the Pacific Railroad, or for any other purpose. Ames never gave nor offered to me any stock or other valuable thing as a gift. I once asked and obtained from him, and afterward repaid to him, a loan of $300. That amount is the only valuable thing I ever received from or delivered to him. I never owned, received, or agreed to receive any stock of the Credit Mobilier, or of the Union Pacific Railroad, nor any dividend nor profits arising from either of them.

Benjamin F. Ham, Treasurer of the Credit Mobilier, was sworn, and underwent a long examination. He testified that Neilson's name appeared on the books as the holder of 150 shares; didn't know of Brooks having anything to do with the shares. Ham produced several books of the Company, and said the red book had been sent to Boston by express. He pointed out in the books where Durant transferred 100 shares to Neilson. Ames paid for all the stock in his name as Trustee. Only one dividend of 6 per cent was ever paid by the Credit Mobilier. The only letter-book of the Credit Mobilier showed neither the names of Dawes, Garfield, Scofield, nor Kelley. Ham could not explain how the stock appeared in Neilson's name before he had paid for it. His books showed the names of Congressmen Samuel Hooper, Boyer, of Pennsylvania, Grimes, and Alley, as original subscribers. He stated that the Credit Mobilier stock was rushed around the country to keep it out of the hands of Jim Fisk. He knew nothing of the shares set aside to be used among Congressmen. The Credit Mobilier bought the bonds which they gave as dividends from the Union Pacific Railroad Company at 85 cents, and paid for them out of money which they received from new subscriptions. No officer of the Company has a right to put up the stock for sale. The witness might have received special instructions from the officers of the Company. Part of the books were travelling to prevent people seeing them who had no interest in them; but they are not travelling now, as Jim Fisk is dead. Ham denied that the public had any interest in this matter. It is only a few newspapers.

Question—Do you know what has become of the stock transfer book?

Answer—No, sir. It has disappeared.

Q.—Where has it disappeared to?

A.—I don't know.

Q.—Did you not destroy it?

A.—No, sir, I did not. The witness further testified that he never kept the blotter; and, in answer to a question of Judge Poland, said he supposed somebody had signed a paper authorizing the issue of fifty shares additional to Neilson.

By Mr. Alley—At the time the increase in the capital stock was made many of the stockholders declined to take it; did not remember of any stockholders being refused to see the books of the Company. The books were taken away on account of the Fisk suit, and not to keep them away from the stockholders.

By Mr. Poland—Has no information or belief as to where the missing books are; can give no clue as to where they may be. Did not remember of seeing Alley's name on a paper authorizing the issue of fifty shares additional to Neilson.

By Judge Black—Did not remember what was in answer to the summons to produce the books in the Pennsylvania suit; may have said books were in daily use.

H. C. Crane, Assistant Treasurer of the Credit Mobilier and Pacific Railway, testified that James Brooks, on Dec. 24, 1867, paid him $10,000, for which he transferred to C. H. Morton, a lady's receipt, one hundred shares of Credit Mobilier stock and two hundred shares of Pacific Railroad stock, and the same day delivered him five first mortgage bonds of the Pacific Railway. He knew nothing about the negotiation for it. It was Durant's stock, not the Company's; didn't know the amount of profit realized by Brooks but thought it a very good trade. There were several dividends on the Credit Mobilier stock. Brooks loaned Durant $25,000 on the 19th of October, 1867, and on the 30th of January loaned him $40,000, both at 10 per cent, and another loan at 11 per cent. All were paid in 1869. Two hundred and fifty shares of Credit Mobilier were sold to Alley at $1.60, when it was worth $2. The witness swore that Brooks' $10,000 was paid for Credit Mobilier stock and not on account of the loan to Durant, having made the entries himself.

Q.—Were the five bonds part of the delivery for the $10,000?

A.—Yes, sir. I took a copy from my book, and I will read it to you if you want to hear it.

Mr. Poland—Suppose you produce that memorandum.

The witness did so, and read it, as follows: "Dec. 24, 1867.—Stock account of the Credit Mobilier of America. Transferred to James Brooks' son-in-law, 100 shares of stock at par, with the five bonds of the Union Pacific Company, and 200 shares of Union Pacific stock as earnings on the stock.—$7,000 cash draft due 22d of January, $3,000.—$10,000.—Check book dated Dec. 24, 1867, in Fourth National Bank.—Jas. Brooks, $7,000.—Jan. 20, 1868, check book, Fourth National Bank, bills payable, James Brooks, account of note due this day, $3,000."

Recess for fifteen minutes.

After recess, Mr. Ham recalled the witness and referred to the name Charles H. Neilson on the book, denying the transfer of 50 shares to Neilson, whose name had been written after an erasure was made, and testified that it was in his handwriting, and the erasure had been made before Neilson's was written, but he did not remember what was erased. He had no memory at all in reference to the erasure. The erasure was in the place where name should be.

By Mr. Brooks—Never received any instruction from Mr. Brooks to erase his name. It might have been probable that Brooks' name was written instead of Neilson's, on account of the intimate connection of Neilson with Brooks. If Brooks' name was written there first, it was a mistake.

Thomas C. Durant testified that he was a Director of the Union Pacific Railroad till 1869; was President of the Credit Mobilier Company, and one of the trustees to whom the Ames contract was assigned; has certified copies of the books; signed a paper to distribute some stock on hand; the stock was transferred to the witness to enable him to fulfill a prior engagement; did not know to whom Ames was to transfer the stock; Ames said he had an engagement to deliver some to Colfax; thinks other Congressmen were also mentioned, and it made an impression on him, as he believed Ames gave the names, and intended keeping the stock himself; never conversed with Neilson; had a business transaction with James Brooks, but it had no reference to Brooks being a Congressman; Brooks desired some stock, and witness arranged to let Brooks have one hundred shares of Credit Mobilier, with twenty thousand dollars' worth of Union Pacific stock and first mortgage bonds. Brooks, being a Government Director, did not want to hold the stock, and therefore had it transferred to Neilson; knew nothing about the fifty shares additional stock received by Neilson. The stock increased in value suddenly. When Brooks purchased stock, he was entitled to the dividend which had just been declared. The Credit Mobilier Company took the contract at $50,000 per mile, and was obliged to take in part payment Union Pacific stock. The first stock was taken from the road at 50 per cent, and sold to the stockholders at 71. The witness felt under obligation to Brooks, having agreed with him that he should have the stock; had borrowed money from Brooks, but did not let him have stock in consideration of being under any money obligation to him.

Without finishing the examination of Durant, the Committee adjourned until to-morrow.

FINANCIAL.

The Committee on Finance to-day reported to the Senate in obedience to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be directed to inquire whether the Secretary of the Treasury has the power, under the existing laws, to issue United States notes in lieu of the $44,000,000 retired and cancelled under the act of April 12, 1866.

From a review of the several acts relating to the United States notes, the Committee coincide that the intent and legal effect of these acts, when fairly construed, was to reduce the maximum of legal-tender notes to $356,000,000. No one appears to have asserted that the Secretary had the power to increase that sum. The care with which the maximum was always preserved indicates the intention of Congress to preserve one. The only contingency for excess was to temporarily meet the temporary loan, and by act of April, 1866, the temporary loan was funded. The circumstances under which this issue of $6,000,000 was made were such as would clearly have justified its exercise, if, as was honestly and confidently claimed by the officer who made the issue, he had the legal authority to make it. It was his plain duty to exercise every power he possessed to protect the public in the emergency stated, and the Committee are unanimously of the opinion that the Assistant Secretary acted according to what he conceived to be his legal power and duty, believing that, under law, he could not issue legal tender notes in excess of $356,000,000, they must regard the precedent as a bad one. Such a power, if given, would be by clear and an unambiguous language, and should not be inferred by subtle reasoning, or depend on the pressure of public and party, or the changing views of public policy. In all questions of construction as to the extent of power conferred by law in matters which affect public credit or public securities, a reasonable doubt as to the grant of power should be held to exclude it. After a careful review of the subject, your Committee are of the opinion that the Secretary of the Treasury has not the power to issue United States notes in excess of the $356,000,000 outstanding when the act of Feb. 4, 1868, took effect, but he may replace, with new notes, all mutilated or defaced notes, and, within the limits of the $356,000,000, may exchange or replace new notes for old ones.

Senators Wright and Ferry, of Michigan, dissent from the foregoing report, but have not submitted their views.

THE CABINET.

The Cabinet session to-day was fully attended, but no matters were determined upon of national importance.

NOMINATIONS.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate: James M. Haworth, of Kansas, Indian Agent at the Kiowa and Comanche Agency; John D. Miles, Indian Agent for the Indians of the Upper Arkansas Agency, Indian Territory.

THE CALDWELL INVESTIGATION.

The Senate Committee on Elections, this morning, continued the investigation of Senator Caldwell's election. Wood and Finney, members of the Kansas Legislature, were examined. Wood testified that a Mr. Thomas offered him $2,000 to vote for Caldwell, and that subsequently certain friends of Sidney Clarke offered to give him $2,000, and a saddle horse worth $500, if he would vote for Clarke. The witness did not take either offer.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

FINANCIAL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The resolution of Mr. SHERMAN, relative to United States notes, was placed on the calendar.

Mr. CORBETT reported from the Committee on Finance a bill to amend the National Currency act, which was passed. It allows National Banks to loan to any individual or corporation 10 per cent upon their surplus profit, as well as upon their original capital.

Messrs. WRIGHT (Iowa), and FERRY (Michigan), will submit a minority report, dissenting from the views of the Committee on Scott's resolution, relative to an issue of legal tenders in excess of $356,000,000.

SOLDIERS' LAND BOUNTY.

Messrs. HARLAN and LOGAN presented memorials of the soldiers, urging the passage of the House bill granting 160 acres of land to honorably discharged soldiers, and stated that the bill would require 320,000,000 acres.

SOUTHERN CLAIMS.

Mr. SAWYER (South Carolina) introduced a bill to extend the jurisdiction of the Southern Claims Commission.

RAILROADS.

On motion of Mr. CASSERLY, the Committee on Judiciary was directed to inquire, in connection with the inquiry as to the power of Congress over the subject of railroads between the States, whether each State, within its own limits, has not now full power over the same subject, including the rates of freight and passengers. Agreed to.

COLLEGE LAND GRANTS.

The Senate resumed consideration of the Agricultural and Industrial Arts College bill, which was debated at length. Messrs. MORTON, THURMAN, SHERMAN, PRATT, TRUMBULL, WINDOM, and CASSERLEY opposing it, and Messrs. MORRILL (Vt.), PATTERSON, BOREMAN, SAWYER, and CORBETT advocating it.

Several amendments were offered and rejected, and the bill then passed—yeas, 39; nays, 14.

MILITARY PRISON.

Mr. LOGAN, from the Military Committee, reported without amendment the House bill providing for the establishment at Rock Island, Ill., of a military prison.

PACIFIC RAILROAD.

On motion of Mr. CASSERLY, the Secretary of the Interior was directed to transmit to the Senate the latest yearly reports of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroad Companies, and any papers or information in his possession relating to the same.

The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

UNITED STATES COURTS.

On motion of Mr. BINGHAM, the bill was passed to amend the act of 1872, providing for holding a United States Circuit Court in the Western District of Missouri.

LAKE SUPERIOR CANAL.

On motion of Mr. POTTER, the bill was passed extending the time for the completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship Canal.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD INVESTIGATION.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. STEVENSON (Ohio) in the chair, on the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation bill, the pending question being the amendment offered by Mr. RANDALL, but withdrawn, providing that no money shall be paid to any railroad companies for the transportation of mails or troops while such companies are in default for interest on bonds issued by the Government.

Mr. BECK, who had been on the Conference Committee on the Army Appropriation bill of 1872, which contained a section relieving the Pacific Railroad Companies, explained and justified the action of the Senate and Conference Committee, and argued that the section had not been surreptitiously introduced, but had been elaborately argued in the Senate, and inserted there by a vote of 36 to 18. The House conferees had desired to have that section struck out, but the Senate conferees insisted upon it, and asked that the question be laid before the House. He (Beck) had called attention to it as a very serious an objectionable piece of legislation. No man in the House had opposed the provision, or called for a division on it, and it was too late now for any one to assert that there was anything surreptitious in the action of the Committee. Why did they wait until its country was infamed, and until mention of the Credit Mobilier, and of the Union Pacific Railroad was like shaking a red flag in the eyes of an angry bull? He declared now, while admitting that the legislation was objectionable, that the law of 1862 and 1864, as declared by the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, and be decided by he language of the law itself, only gave the Government the right to retain half of the interest. No friend of his, no constituent of his, no colleague of his, knew anything about the Credit Mobilier or held stock in any of those companies.

By common consent, Mr. Randall's amendment was withdrawn, and the following amendment substituted, as offered by Mr. HIBBARD:

That section of the Army Appropriation bill, approved March 3, 1871, is hereby repealed, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to apply all such sums of money, as are now or shall become due either of the Pacific Railroad Companies embraced within provisions of said action, from the United States, for transportation of troops, supplies, mails, or otherwise, to the payment of the indebtedness of such Company to the United States for the interest paid by the United States on the bonds issued for the benefit of such Company.

Mr. WHEELER moved to amend Mr. Hibbard's amendment, by adding to it the proviso, that the repeal shall not take effect until the Attorney General shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury that such Railroad Companies are liable to the Government for any amount of interest paid by the Government on the bonds issued in aid of such Companies.

Mr. HIBBARD spoke in support of his amendment.

Mr. DICKEY defended the action of the Committee.

Mr. WILLARD advocated Mr. Hibbard's amendment.

Mr. KELLEY opposed the amendment, arguing that those who bought the bonds of these Pacific Railroad Companies bought them under the Congressional guarantee that but half of the earnings of the Companies from the Government should be withheld. He had never owned a share of stock in the Credit Mobilier, but it was not his fault that he did not own ten shares offered him. His poverty, not his will, consented to let these shares pass him.

Mr. KERR said he had thoroughly investigated the subject, and had come to the opinion that the duty of those Railroad Companies to pay interest on their bonds was perfectly clear under the law of the 1st of July, 1862. The sixth section of that act admitted of no doubt. It was under the fifth section of the act of the 2d of July, 1864, that this right was claimed on the part of the Companies, but his construction was that that section only applied to the term of four years, for which the time for completing the road was extended. But if this position in that respect was not quite strong, as he admitted that it was not, he argued that the amendment proposed by Mr. Hibbard should be adopted under the reserved right to amend, alter, or repeal the original law.

Mr. KELLOGG opposed the amendment. He said only the excitement of the hour would lead the members to vote for Mr. Hibbard's amendment. It would be tantamount to a repudiation, and the effect would fall on innocent holders.

Mr. HOLMAN argued in support of Mr. Hibbard's amendment, and against that offered by Mr. Wheeler. He intimated that the opinion of the present Attorney General was known to be in favor of the companies, and that the adoption of Mr. Wheeler's amendment would be simply confirming that opinion of the Attorney General. The House would not deal fairly with the country unless it not only repealed the ninth section of the Army Appropriation bill of 1871, but went a step farther and sustained the action of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. SARGENT opposed Mr. Hibbard's amendment. The result, if not the motive of the agitation against the Union Pacific Road, was to affect the stock market.

Mr. SPEER regarded as a healthy sign the sensitiveness shown by the members in regard to their connection with railroad corporations. It would have been well for the people if that sensitiveness had existed ten years ago. These railroad corporations had thought themselves strong enough to take Congress by the throat and demand obedience to their behests. It could not be denied that they had had in this House, and in the Senate, many members who were more faithful to them than to the people.

Mr. BECK declared that the whole object at the bottom of this agitation was a scheme for the benefit of a combination of the first mortgage bondholders, who he would foreclose the mortgages by the Road, and cheat the Government and small bondholders and stockholders.

Mr. WOOD advocated Mr. Hibbard's amendment.

Mr. KERR, in answer to Mr. Beck, denied that the first mortgage bondholders could foreclose their mortgage and sell out the whole property of the Companies. Congress had reserved to itself complete power over these roads, and the bonds had been issued and purchased subject to that reservation.

Mr. BECK repeated his apprehension that to sue these Pacific Railroad Companies for sixteen millions of dollars interest due to the Government would be to drive them into bankruptcy and throw the Roads into the hands of the first mortgage bondholders. That was the difficulty which he wanted to avoid.

Mr. KENDALL (Nevada) supported Mr. Hibbard's amendment, and declaimed against the extortions and oppressions practised by the Central Pacific Railroad Company.

Mr. GARFIELD desired the House to act so as, on the one hand, not to destroy these great corporations, and on the other hand, not to make them oppressors on the rights of the people. Ten years ago both political parties were vieing with each other to see which should most earnestly advocate the building of the Pacific Roads. He hoped that both political parties would now vie with each other in seeing that perfect justice was done to the Companies as well as to the people.

Messrs. HOLMAN and WOOD denied that the Democratic members had sustained the act of 1864.

Mr. WHEELER remarked in response to Mr. Willard, that the Pacific Railroad Companies had until 1886 to complete their roads.

The discussion having closed, the Committee proceeded to vote.

The first vote was taken on the whole amendment, and it was rejected—48 to 91.

Mr. DONNAN moved to strike out all of Mr. Hibbard's amendment after the word "repealed," so as simply to confine it to the repeal of the Section of the Army Appropriation bill of 1871—adopted, 86 to 76.

Mr. Hibbard's amendment as amended was adopted without a division. It reads: "That the Ninth Section of the Army Appropriation bill, approved March 30, 1871, is hereby repealed."

REBELLION LOSSES.

Mr. MERRIAM moved as an amendment, that on judgment Court claims shall be paid an account of moneys seized from the so-called Confederate States.

After a short discussion the amendment was rejected.

The Committee then rose and reported the bill to the House. After some contest over the question of raising the salaries of the clerks employed in the House, the House, without coming to a final vote on that question, or on the Pacific Railroad question, or any of the amendments adopted in Committee of the Whole,

Adjourned.

Dropped Dead.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Ill., Jan. 14.—This morning, Joseph Shersal, one of the earliest settlers of this portion of the State, dropped dead while walking from the residence of one of his sons to that of another in the country, a few miles south of Ottawa. He had acquired a large property. He was formerly elected among his children. His age was 82 years.

CHURCHILL C., Jan. 14.—A public [illegible]

to-day, and believed by many well-informed people, that a contract has been made with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Improvement Company for the completion of the long-talked-of tunnel under Walnut Hills for railroad purposes. A large amount of work was done on this several years before the war, and of late the completion of the work has been agitated under different auspices from those now directing its interests. Local obstacles existed for years. These, however, have been removed within a very short time. The road embracing the tunnel will be from Cincinnati to Sharon, a distance of twelve and a half miles, double track, and if completed will be a most valuable and important railroad entrance to Cincinnati. Whether this Company has connection with any of the great railroad lines entering the city is not known, but it would be such a natural and desirable entrance for the Pennsylvania Central interest that many believe there is an intimate relation existing between them.

WINTER HORRORS.

Destruction of Life in Minnesota and Iowa by the Recent Polar Storm---Railroad Detentions on Account of Snow Blockades.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 14.—The remarkable polar hurricane which swept southward over this State on Tuesday last has left behind it a sad record of casualties, but from information now reaching the city the number of deaths will not sustain the early estimates. The history of the first appearance of the lamentable consequences may be briefly stated as follows: Tuesday was a mild, damp day, and those having occasion to leave their homes had little reason to anticipate the fierce gusts which set in during the afternoon, and, in many instances, no adequate provision had been made for such an unexpected situation. The weather continued mild until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the hour when its approach was observed by the residents in the frontier settlements, in suddenly increasing cloudiness and a heavy roaring sound in the distance. For a few moments the earth was swept by a tremendous wind, and the temperature fell with wonderful rapidity. People living in the sparsely populated sections of the State were taken entirely by surprise. Many were at a long distance from home and without sufficient clothing. It is not surprising under the circumstances that so many fell victims in its path, such a struggling, ice-bound lacocon. The storm continued with only temporary lulls until Thursday morning, when it gradually abated its fury. The velocity of the storm is reported between New Ulm and St. Peter, travelling from point to point in thirty minutes, a distance of 26 miles. Had the degree of cold been great, the number of deaths would have been fearfully increased; but while it was at its height, the mercury stood from 5 to 8 degrees above zero. It is entirely without precedent in the history of the State, and only finds a parallel in a polar storm which swept over the State of Illinois in 1836, destroying many lives, and leaving an imperishable record in the minds of those who experienced its fury and terrific power.

It is impossible to make an accurate estimate of the number who have been frozen to death or seriously maimed on the line of the St. Paul & Sioux City Road. The number is variously estimated at from 17 to 34, with the probabilities in favor of the number first given. The authenticated deaths thus far do not reach 17. In that section of the State, many reported lost have since returned home safely. On the line of the St. Paul & Pacific the number of deaths will not vary greatly from the estimate for the region traversed by the Sioux City Road, that country also being thinly settled, and owing to the difficulty in the way of obtaining reliable information the estimates of deaths are larger than the facts will warrant. But the real fatality is sufficiently depressing, notwithstanding the more hopeful news brought down to-night. Few names accompany the reported losses of life. A large number of cattle and horses must also be included in the statement of the destruction which has characterized this storm.

DUBUQUE, Jan. 14.—A heavy snow-storm prevails to-night throughout Northern Iowa, and a second blockade is apprehended. Snow has already fallen to the depth of six inches on a level. The Dubuque & Southwestern night passenger train is snow-bound at Sand Springs.

The Iowa, Milwaukee & St. Paul Road was expected to be open to-morrow, but this storm is likely to put them back a number of days. The same may be said of the Cedar Falls & Minnesota branch of the Illinois Central, and Central Railroad of Iowa. Railroad men generally are fearful of a blockade, and anxiously await further developments.

SPRINGFIELD.

The Health of Lieutenant Governor Dougherty---State Board of Agriculture---Choice of Officers---Complimentary Banquet to Governor Palmer---The Next State Fair.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD,

THE PERFUMERY WAR.

Mayor Medill Interviewed by the City Packers.

If the Temporary Injunction is Dissolved, What?

Hyde Park to be Consulted This Afternoon.

The Mayor was waited upon yesterday afternoon by a delegation of packers, with reference to the present perfumery war. There were present the following named gentlemen: B. P. Hutchinson, J. W. Higgins, J. M. Mitchell, Louis Wahl, C. M. Culbertson, John Reid, J. W. Turner, Joseph Armour, H. Bottsford, and Leonard Swett, Attorney for the Northwestern Fertilizing Company.

Mr. Culbertson introduced the subject by inquiring of the Mayor what he intended doing with the packers. If it was concluded that they could not remove the offal from the city somewhere, they might just as well close up the Stock Yards, and tell the farmers to send their hogs somewhere else. They must dispose of their offal somewhere.

The Mayor supposed they could remove it to the Ainsworth establishment.

Mr. Culbertson smiled, and the Mayor inquired what he wanted the city to do on the subject.

Mr. Culbertson wanted the Fertilizing Company not to be enjoined from removing the offal for the remainder of the season.

The Mayor said he understood that the Company had obtained a temporary injunction against the authorities of Hyde Park. If this injunction was sustained, there was nothing more to be done. If not, then the packers must seek some other means of disposing of their offal. He had assumed that the works could be carried on without being a nuisance, for the Company claimed to have overcome these objections. He then explained the geographical advantages to Hyde Park of the situation of the Company's works at Ainsworth. The Company had their charter for this place and for no other.

Mr. Swett assented to this. The Company could not, under this charter, locate anywhere else. Besides it was absolutely impracticable to do so now and furnish another outlet during the present season. Nothing could be done to relieve the packing interest during the present winter. The question assumed the shape whether the establishment at Ainsworth should be kept open, or the packing houses be completely closed.

The Mayor did not hesitate to say that the Board of Health regarded it as an imperative sanitary necessity that the offal should be distributed somewhere. If the packers should attempt to manipulate the offal in the city, they would assuredly come under the law, and would be indicted, their business suppressed, and their packing-houses closed. Either they must manufacture inoffensively or close up.

Mr. Culbertson replied that this could not be done during the present season. They needed certain drying apparatus to render the offal inoffensive. There was only one way open, and that was to remove the offal, or shut up the packing houses, and throw out of employment 70,000 people.

The Mayor said he thought it the heaviest industry in the city, being, as he said to a reporter some days ago, to Chicago what the iron interest was to Pittsburgh.

Mr. Culbertson was afraid that the injunction would be removed.

The Mayor was at a loss to know where the business could be conducted without being offensive. There appeared to be no place in the county where it could be situated, our suburbs exhibited such violence at the location of the establishment in a place where it did not affect them. A resident of Hyde Park assured him that the smell from the establishment did not affect the Hyde Park House four times in a year.

He had spent a great deal of time in investigating the matter of a location, and the only place that seemed practicable to him was at a point east of the railroad track, and south of the Calumet River. But the Company's charter prevented their moving there.

Mr. Culbertson said if they could go on uninterrupted through the present season there would be no further trouble, as the commission had determined every packer to adopt other means for the future. He inquired what would be done in case the injunction was dissolved.

The Mayor said it would leave the packers at the mercy of the Hyde Park authorities.

Mr. Swett supposed it would, and, under their ordinances, the authorities could succeed in preventing any offal to be carried through the township, even to remote points. By means of daily arrests and fines before magistrates, they would effectually break up the business, for no offal could be permitted to pass through the principality of Hyde Park. At the same time, he did not believe that the packers or the Company could be prosecuted, or the establishment closed before the end of the packing season, in March. They could not be forced to stop inside of six weeks, as the matter would undoubtedly be carried to the Supreme Court.

The Mayor—Would it be the lesser evil to empty this animal matter in the city or 14 miles away in the Calumet swamps?

Mr. Swett—It is worse than that. As soon as this matter is taken to Ainsworth, chemicals are applied to it, and it is thoroughly cleaned. There are, at this moment, nearly one thousand tons of offal in this city, 400 tons of blood, and over 500 tons of livers, lights, and entrails. It cannot be deodorized here as it can at Ainsworth. The question is, must three or four thousand tons of this be allowed to accumulate here?

The Mayor thought that the Hyde Park objectors would suffer more keenly from this smell than they would from the Ainsworth works, even supposing that the wind was in the one quarter where the latter place affected Hyde Park.

Mr. Swett said he lived at Kenwood Station, and they smelled Healy Slough ten times for every time they experienced the delights of Ainsworth.

The Mayor coincided with Mr. Swett.

Mr. Culbertson suggested calling a meeting to consult with the magnates of Hyde Park, at which the Mayor and Board of Health should be present.

The Mayor agreeing, it was arranged that the meeting be held to-day, at 2 o'clock, in the Common Council Chamber.

THE NORTH SIDE RAILWAY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Chicago City Railway Company was held yesterday morning at their office, No. 430 North Clark street. The following gentlemen were elected to constitute the Board of Directors for the present year: W. O. Goudy, George F. Bunker, Jacob Beam, W. H. Perry, V. C. Turner; 2,657 votes were cast, representing $265,700. Part of the new Board being absent, the election for other offices was postponed to the regular monthly meeting in February. The condition of the road and its operations during the past year, as contained in the reports of the President, Mr. V. C. Turner, and the Secretary, Mr. H. M. Towner, was satisfactory to the stockholders, and indicated a very efficient management. The Company have not yet recovered from the effect of the fire, which was not only very serious to them in the destruction of buildings, stock, cars, and track, but in the reduced population on the North Side, upon which they depended for their receipts. During the year 1872 their cars travelled 561,276 miles, carrying 2,900,000 passengers, which number was about one million less than the year previous to the fire. The Company completed last year, their new stable and office building at a cost of $25,000, on the foundations of the old building. They are running the same number of cars as before the fire, the track is in good condition, and now the Company are patiently awaiting the rebuilding of the North Side, to bring their revenue up to the old standard.

VIRGINIA FINANCES.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 14, 1873.

Governor Walker to-day sent a special message to the Senate, in response to a resolution of that body, requesting him to give his views as to the best mode of raising money with which to pay the interest on the public debt, and to defray the expenses of the State, etc. The message recommends the reduction of the principal of the debt by the sale and application of the proceeds, of the railroad bonds and stock and non-productive property of the State, by which the proportion of the debt assumed by Virginia will be reduced to $26,000,000, the annual interest upon which will be $1,560,000. It recommends certain changes and reforms in the State Government, thereby reducing its annual expenses to $600,000. It recommends the equalization and correction of assessments, and a more thorough assessment of personal property, by which the total assessed valuation of real and personal property will reach $400,000,000, the annual tax upon which will be $2,000,000. The tax from other sources is estimated at $800,000, making a total revenue of $2,800,000, of which $400,000 is to be appropriated to schools, leaving a balance of $2,400,000 available to pay the interest on the public debt and pay the current expenses of the State Government. The Governor says the interest upon the bonds funded under the act of March 30, 1871,—that is, the funding act,—must be paid, and no mode of avoidance can be devised, even if we desired it. He says that the interest due and unpaid on the bonds on the 1st of January, 1873, and that which will fall due by the 1st of January, 1874, will amount to nearly $2,600,000, which amount, added to other indebtedness falling due during the current year, makes a total of over $4,200,000 to be provided for by the 1st of January, 1874.

THE ARNOLD STREET ROOKERY.

Something About the Building Called a Hospital.

Facts for the County Commissioners---Letter from a Physician.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The people of Chicago, and of Cook County, are certainly not deficient in one cardinal virtue namely, patience. Month after month has dragged by since the County Commissioners first began to *talk* Hospital, and yet the whole matter remains *in statu quo*. It is safe, because it is *true*, to say that no city in the civilized world furnishes such atrocious hospital accommodations for its sick poor as Chicago. What are the facts? Boston, with a population considerably less than Chicago, has more than four times the hospital facilities of the latter. Philadelphia, with less than double our own population, possesses more than *ten times* our hospital accommodations. New York is far ahead of us that the comparison would be simply ridiculous. But, more than this, other cities construct their hospitals with some regard to the chances for the recovery of the patients within them; while it is notoriously true that our one and only public hospital seems to have been constructed for the express purpose of violating every principle of hospital architecture.

Will the readers of THE TRIBUNE who believe in decently providing for the necessities of the sick poor, listen to a few facts? In the first place it has been demonstrated over and over again that 1,500 cubic feet of air space for each patient is the least that can be allowed with safety; but when the County Hospital is moderately full, not more than 1,100 cubic feet of air to a patient is obtained, and this is sometimes unavoidably diminished by the necessity of overcrowding.

Secondly, an abundance of light is indispensable if the best results are to be obtained; hence modern hospital authorities tell us that every hospital ward should have windows on both sides. But in the Arnold street rookery not a *single ward* is thus constructed, every ward being upon one side or the other, of a long and narrow corridor, thus shutting out both light and air.

Thirdly, the arrangements for ventilation in the County Hospital are simply execrable. If any man doubts this statement, or believes it to be exaggerated, let him visit the hospital wards, and if he has a trustworthy nose he can soon convince himself. Even St. Luke's Hospital—which was never constructed for hospital purposes at all—is immeasurably ahead of the County Hospital in the matter of ventilation.

Fourthly, what are the hospital surroundings? It is bounded in front by a street which is five or six feet lower than the established grade, and which is consequently more of a mud-hole than a street. For several weeks last spring, Arnold street in front of the hospital, was an impassable quagmire, reeking with odors which Bridgeport could not surpass. East of Arnold street, are several railroad tracks, in almost constant use; thus, puffing smokestacks furnish lampblack for the benefit of patients with pulmonary diseases, while clanging bells and screaming whistles brace up the nerves of those who are hysterically inclined. In the rear are several packing-houses, and a large oil and lard factory; one of the various and energetic "stinks" derived from these establishments the hospital manages to keep itself supplied with its quota of erysipelas and puerperal fever.

According to the recollection of the writer, it is now nearly or quite a year since the County Commissioners advertised for and received bids for hospital grounds. Where are those bids? What do they propose to do with them? If the county is too poor to build a decent hospital, is it rich enough to build a palatial jail? or can it afford to spend a million and a half of dollars in building a Court House? What say the people?

The medical and surgical staff of Cook County Hospital is composed of men whose ability cannot be questioned, and their doing all in their power to make the institution what it should be; but the defects in the hospital building are radical; it is impossible to remedy them.

CIVILIZATION.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14, 1873.

TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS.

Governor Osborn, of Kansas, has requested the President to remove the United States troops now occupying what are known as the "Cherokee Neutral Lands."

—Henry M. Hamilton, Vice President of the National Railway Company, was, Jan. 13, brought into the Philadelphia Court of Quarter Sessions on an indictment charging him with obtaining $50,000 from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company by falsely representing that he owned all the stock of the Hamilton Improvement Company, of New Jersey. He was bailed in $10,000.

—The Commissioners appointed to make a valuation of all the real estate in the District of Columbia belonging to the United States, except public buildings, and also grounds which have been dedicated to public use as parades and squares, report the total valuation to be $16,186,236.

—The Russian budget for 1873 shows a surplus of receipts over expenditures.

—John Hancock has been chosen President of the Peoria (Ill.) Board of Trade, and A. G. Tyng and John Warner, Vice-Presidents.

—The United States Senate has confirmed W. E. McMackin as Pension Agent at Salem, Ill.; C. P. Horn as Register of the Land Office at Austin, Nevada; J. T. More as Postmaster at Lebanon, Mo.; and M. O. Frost as Postmaster at Marshall, Ill.

—The Old Liberty Bell, at Philadelphia, was removed, Jan. 13, from Independence Hall to the vestibule where it is to stand in future.

—At a meeting of coalmen, in Philadelphia, Jan. 12, the operators accepted the offer made by the miners Jan. 10. Several collieries went to work on the 13th, and there will be a general resumption of work throughout the Pennsylvania coal region immediately.

—The debt of New York City increased $7,250,000 last year.

—The National Prison Association will meet at Baltimore, Jan. 21.

—The Conrad Block, at Ligonier, Ind., in which the Helmer House, was burned Jan. 12. Loss, $10,000 to $15,000; insurance less than $1,000. Duke's paper-mill, at Amsterdam, N. Y., was burned Jan. 13. Loss, $30,000.

—Mayor Havemeyer, of New York, has appointed Salem H. Wales as Park Commissioner, in place of Thomas C. Fields.

—The widow of President John Tyler is about to sell her property on Staten Island, and repurchase the Tyler estate in Virginia.

—Governor Bagley, of Michigan, has appointed Edward W. Harris, of Port Huron, Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, vice Mitchell, resigned.

—Miss Jane H. Bulkley, well known in literary and educational circles, and Principal of an institution bearing her name, died at Tarrytown, N. Y., Jan. 13.

VIADUCTS.

Conference Between City Officials and Railroad Representatives.

Mayor Medill on the Viaduct Question---The City's Rights.

The Places and Time for Building Viaducts.

The several Committees on Streets and Alleys and the Committee on Railroads met yesterday afternoon at the office of the Board of Public Works to discuss the several questions of street and railroad viaducts in the city. There were present, of the Railroad Committee, Messrs. Woodman, Sweet, Dixon, and Quirk; of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, North Division, Messrs. Carney, Langacher, and Woodman; South Division, Messrs. Dixon, Sidwell, Stone, and Tracy; West Division, Messrs. Bailey, Powell, Kehoe, Moore, and Eckhardt.

There were also present, besides the officers of the Board of Public Works, Mayor Medill, Mr. Tuley, Corporation Counsel; Mr. Hughitt, General Superintendent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and Mr. Walker, representing the interests of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, and the C., C. & I. C. Railroad.

A delegation of our Irish fellow-citizens interested in the contemplated viaduct at the corner of Clark and Sixteenth streets filed into the place of meeting at an early stage of the proceedings, but filed out again speedily when it became known that their views and claims must be ventilated elsewhere.

Mr. C. L. Woodman, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, presided over the deliberations of the combined session. He stated the object of the meeting to be the discussion of the general question of railroad viaducts over the thoroughfares of the city.

Upon invitation, Mayor Medill made a speech of some length, giving a full resume of the case. He said that the subject was one of the most important that ever engaged the attention of a Committee of the Common Council. The matter had but recently assumed so great a magnitude. When the railroads first laid their tracks in the city, the travel and traffic upon the streets was comparatively slight, and the obstruction was scarcely felt. The people of Chicago were at that time only too glad to have the railroads enter the city, and most happy to accommodate them on any terms. But business had gone on increasing from day to day, and from year to year, until it began to be seriously interrupted by the frequent passage of trains across the most frequented thoroughfares. Traffic had increased with equally great rapidity upon the railroads. The one traffic interfered continually with the other, and, unless some remedy was applied, the city would either have to vacate its streets, or the railroad abandon the use of its tracks. Vehicles on the streets would soon become very much to resemble the person who sat down on the banks of the Euphrates, and waited for it to run by so that he might go over dry-shod. Viaducts of some kind must be built. Either the streets must pass over the tracks on their present level, the railroads must be elevated above streets, or the tracks must be partially sunk, and the streets partially elevated at the points of intersection. The necessity had become most imperative.

Railroads that had lately received charters had not only consented to enter the city under certain specified limitations and disabilities, but had been glad to do so. The older railroads had not been similarly hampered by special legislation, but the city had never foregone its privileges in respect to them. It still retained its police powers, granted by the State, and could regulate them at its pleasure. The speaker had understood that there was not a city, or a village of importance in Europe, in its passage through which a railroad occupied the same level as a street or wagon road, or crossed it on the same level. They either passed under the streets, or on viaducts elevated over them. It would be for the interest of the railroads to build the viaducts wherever required, and really, in the end, a saving to them. There existed no hostility between the citizens of Chicago and the railroads, but in reality a community of interest. The city could not do without the railroads, and the railroads could not do without the city. But the passage of the cars across the streets was in the nature of a nuisance that must be abated. Ordinances regulating the running of trains within the city had gone to a measure into desuetude, and there was no single thing in regard to which he had been so persistently importuned as to see that they were enforced.

The Mayor closed by expressing the opinion that the railroads should be at the entire expense of building the viaducts with their approaches, but that it would be no more than just that the city should take charge of them after they were once built, and keep them in repair.

Mr. M. F. Tuley, Corporation Counsel, next addressed the meeting. He said that the State had delegated to the city all the power necessary to enable the city to protect itself against the railroads. The roads had come into the city under the city and to traverse the streets by various ordinances of the Council, granting various privileges. He believed in express stipulations with the roads, at the time they were granted right of way through the city, as it saved much subsequent trouble. But the city, as far as its relations to the railroads are concerned, has the same power as the Legislature of the State itself, and he had found municipal legislation upon the subject as far back as 1842. There could be no doubt about the power of the States to regulate railroads, and to delegate that power to municipal corporations. The laws of Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut were all specific on the subject, and always discriminated in favor of the people against the railroads. The right of the people to their thoroughfares was paramount. The power should never be exercised in a wanton way; and the incompetency of the case should always be carefully considered.

Mr. Tuley had prepared an ordinance in regard to the matter, specifying what viaducts should be built, when they should be built, and providing that the railroads should not only build them with the necessary approaches, but would forever after keep them in repair. The draft of the ordinance provided for the enforcement of the same, giving permission to remove the track if obedience were delayed, or inflict fine, as seemed advisable.

The Board of Public Works were prepared with plans and drawings of the proposed viaducts. Mr. Carter, President of the Board, read the list which follows, specifying the years in which they should be built, special exigencies being regarded:

TO BE BUILT IN 1873.

Polk and Beach streets.
Twelfth and Beach streets.
Sixteenth and Canal streets.
Sam pson and Kinzie streets.
North Avenue and Cherry streets.
Hawthorne avenue.
Halsted and Kinzie streets.

The last two of these are already provided for by ordinance.

TO BE BUILT IN 1874.

Blue Island avenue and Sixteenth street.
Halsted street and Chicago avenue (twice).
Halsted street and Stewart avenue.
Halsted street and the St. Louis & Alton Railroad.
Desplaines and Fourth streets.
State street.
Wabash avenue.
Michigan avenue.

TO BE BUILT IN 1875.

Lake and Rockwell streets.
Madison and Rockwell streets.
Washington and Rockwell streets.
Ashland avenue and Kinzie street.
Centre avenue and Sixteenth street.

Mr. Walker expressed the hope that the old roads would be an strictly dealt with as the new.

The meeting adjourned until a future time, when all the interests involved can be better represented.

THE LOMBARD BUILDING ACCIDENT.

Mr. Benjamin Lombard writes as follows concerning the accident at his building on Monday last:

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: About 11 o'clock, yesterday morning, the pier in the basement next to the east wall gave way, throwing about twelve of the joists of the first, second, and third floors into the basement, leaving an opening about twelve feet wide by forty long. The joists above the third floor all remained in their place. The outside wall was not injured in the least. The "prop," which the Post reporter saw, was simply the supports placed under each stone as the building was erected, to hold them until the anchors were put in and the brick work laid on top.

In consultation with my architects, Messrs. Edbrooke & Burnham, it was decided to put brick pier in the basement sixteen inches wide, and four feet long, leaving a space between the piers of but four feet, was a better support for thirteen columns and weight above than the iron columns as they had a larger bearing and were not so liable to settle. On top of each of these brick piers was an iron plate two inches thick, two feet long, and sixteen inches wide, on which the iron columns above rested. Under all the main cross walls and columns of the building there were lines of footing stones thirty inches thick, built in three courses, the lower one being five and one-half feet wide, the second one four feet wide, and the the third one three feet wide.

I will say in regard to the wood work, that there is no building in Chicago better timbered than this block. All joists eighteen feet long and upward are three inches by twelve, and placed nine inches apart. All studding in the main partitions are four by six, and eight inches apart, and the light studding, two by four, are only used in making closets, &c.

As to the cause of the accident: The frost coming out of the pier in the basement caused it to crumble and give way. The pier should have had bond stone the full size of the pier upon it, as all the outside piers have, and then it could not have spread, and would have borne all the weight that could have been put upon it.

The architects had "carte blanche" as to the construction of the building, and it was understood that they were to relieve me of all personal oversight in the matter.

The original intention was to build a five-story building, but afterwards it was decided by the architects that the supports were sufficiently strong for another story, instead of a "Mansard roof."

The accident has been greatly magnified, as the whole damage can be repaired in three days at an expense of not more than $250. BENJAMIN LOMBARD.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Resignation of Commissioner Singer---Award of Contracts.

Consideration of the Salaries of County Officials.

The Board of County Commissioners met yesterday afternoon, President Miller in the chair. A full quorum was present.

RESIGNATION OF H. M. SINGER.

Commissioner Singer, desiring to sever his connection with the Board, sent in the following communication:

GENTLEMEN: It is written in the Book of books that "No man can serve two masters." I find myself the slave of two masters, one of which I cannot serve. Duty to myself, for those with whom I am associated, and to the people of Cook County, demands that I shall devote my time to one or the other. I cannot do my duty as a member of your Board without neglecting my business, which I don't think I am called on to do; nor can I consent longer to make a pretence of attending to the business of the county when I know I am neglecting it. I therefore tender you this, my resignation as a member of your honorable body.

H. M. SINGER.

The communication was placed on file.

A bill, amounting to $4,345, for Coroner's fees, was allowed, covering inquests since last June.

AWARD OF CONTRACTS.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of miscellaneous bids for county supplies reported recommending the award of the milk contract to Charles Harms, at 19 cents per gallon for the first three months, 16 cents per gallon for the ensuing six months, and 19 cents per gallon for the closing three months; to Henry Harms the contract for furnishing wood, at $9 per cord, for not more than one hundred cords; crockery, to James Forsyth & Co.; mattresses, to Chas. H. Carpenter & Co.; burial of paupers, to Wm. Niemeyer, at $2.50 per corpse, coffin and transportation to be furnished; meat, to Wm. Reinhardt & Co., at 5 6-10 cents per pound, also to furnish the Hospital with chickens, hams, fish, etc., at the current market price. The report was concurred in.

COURT CLERK'S PAY.

The Committee on Judiciary, through Commissioner Ashton, reported, on the subject of the County Clerk's compensation, that the term of office of the late J. G. Gindele did not expire until December, 1873, and that Joseph Pollak, the present Clerk, was elected to fill the unexpired term, and is entitled to receive the same fees and emoluments and compensation which would have been received by Mr. Gindele; but after the expiration of the term for which Mr. Gindele was elected, his successor can receive only the salary fixed by law.

On the motion of Commissioner Harrison, who desired to inquire further into the matter, the report was laid over temporarily.

THE SALARY LIST.

The Board then resumed the consideration of the report on the salaries of county officers, going into Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Bogue in the chair.

Commissioner Harrison moved the reconsideration of the action of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was lost by a vote of 9 to 4. Commissioner Harrison labored to show that many salaries had been placed too high, but Commissioners Ashton and Miller took contrary ground.

Coming to the Department of Public Charities, Commissioner Miller moved that the salary of the Superintendent, Dr. Miller, be fixed at $3,000.

Commissioner Harrison, though he valued Dr. Miller's services highly, felt constrained to move that the salary be fixed at $2,500.

Commissioner Clough moved that the salaries of all elective officers be fixed the same as last year.

Commissioner Ashton paid an eloquent tribute to the great value of the services of Dr. Miller, and hoped that the Board would vote him $3,000. He desired to do justice to a competent and faithful officer.

Commissioner Gallowar was opposed to large salaries, but he was in favor of increasing Dr. Miller's salary to $3,000.

Commissioner Clough's motion was lost, as was also Commissioner Harrison's. The salary was fixed at $3,000.

Commissioner Miller moved that the salaries of the County Physician, Poor House and Insane Asylum employes, and County Hospital officials be fixed the same as last year.

Commissioner Singer moved to strike out the pay of the Assistant Physician at the Insane Asylum. Plenty of competent men could be secured without salary. The motion was lost.

Commissioner Miller's motion was adopted.

Commissioner Harrison moved to fix the salary of the County Agent at $2,000. Lost.

Commissioner Ashton moved to fix the salary at $2,500. Carried.

The remainder of the employes of the County Agent's office were voted the same pay as last year.

The salary of the County Attorney was fixed at $4,000, on motion of Commissioner Miller.

The salary of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners was fixed at $2,500.

When the Board reached the item of per diem for the County Commissioners, a lengthy report was submitted by Commissioner Ashton, in which a herculean effort was put forth to show that the members of the Board, being county officers, could claim compensation, which was recommended to be $5 per day, and 10 cents per mile of necessary travel.

Commissioner Calloway, a member of the Committee, said that he did not sign the report, and did not coincide with it. He did not believe that the Board was entitled to mileage, excepting in going and returning from quarterly sessions.

Commissioner Miller moved that the mileage be reduced to 5 cents. This was carried, and the remainder of the report was concurred in.

In the County Treasurer's office, $2,000 was voted the Assistant, and $1,500 for the Cashier.

Before the Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, after which the Board adjourned until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

EVANSTON.

The class of 1874, at a meeting held in the University Chapel, elected the following members of their class to deliver orations at the Junior exhibition, which will take place on the evening of March 25, the closing night of the trimester: Messrs. William L. Martin, Eli McClish, Richard G. Hobbs, Melville C. Wise, William C. Estes, Martin O. Lewis, Matthias S. Kaufman, and William B. Robinson. None but those up in all their studies were eligible for this honor, and the election was exciting and not wholly free from manipulation. The custom in previous years was for the entire class to appear, but the rapid increase in the number of students has necessitated this change. It is doubtful if the class could have represented themselves better, although some of the ablest members were ineligible.

Michigan State Pomological Society---The Peach Crop.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GRAND JUNCTION, Mich., Jan. 13.—The notice given in Saturday's TRIBUNE of the State Pomological Society at Lansing this week is an error, growing out of the fact of the Northern Agricultural Society sitting on the 15th. The State Pomological Society meets at Lansing, Jan. 21, for a three days' session.

The peach crop for the next season promises well in the vicinity of the lake; but few fruit buds are injured. The lowest degree of cold, as reported from South Haven and other favorable peach regions still further north, was 12 to 14 below zero.

WHAT THEY ESCAPED.

A State Law That Was Overlooked by the Personal Liberty Leaguers.

What Would Have Occurred Had the Council Adopted the Amendment to the Sunday Ordinance.

A reporter, yesterday, questioned the Mayor with regard to the defeat of the amendment to the Sunday liquor ordinance, and received the following reply from the City Executive:

The Common Council, or a portion of the members of the Common Council, in considering the compromise of the liquor question, seem to have overlooked such portions of the law as were beyond the control of the city and its legislative department. If they had adopted Mr. Hesing's compromise, so-called, to keep the saloons closed until 1 o'clock, and then open them till midnight, they would have offered the saloon-keepers no immunity from prosecution whatever, but would have brought them more violently into conflict with the law. The Mayor called the reporter's attention to the statute over which the Council has no control, and over which the Mayor had no control or discretion. The passage referred to is Section 9, Class 30, and reads as follows:

SECTION 9. *Tippling House on the Sabbath*—If any person shall be guilty of open lewdness, or other notorious act of public indecency, tending to debauch the public morals, *or shall keep open any tippling house on the Sabbath day or night*, or shall maintain or keep a lewd house for the practice of fornication, or shall keep a common ill-governed and disorderly house to the encouragement of idleness, gaming, drinking, fornication, or other misbehavior, every such person shall, on conviction, be fined not exceeding $100, or imprisoned not exceeding six months.

This section of the law, the Mayor continued, applies to all portions of the State. There are no exceptions in cities or counties. Whether we repeal or modify our Sunday regulations, or determine to annul our Sunday ordinances, the State law stands until the Legislature of the State repeals it. If we should annul all the ordinances of the city on Sunday liquor-selling, this law would be sufficient to prevent the sale of liquor. It is the duty of the prosecuting attorney, all magistrates, the grand jury, and the Criminal Court, to enforce this law, and the city authorities could not escape their duty in its enforcement by simply repealing the ordinance. This fact is established by reference to Section 2 of Chapter 3 of the City Charter, under the head of "Powers and duties of officers of the city," passed twenty years ago, and never yet repealed or modified, but in full force and effect to-day. It is independent of the Mayor's bill, and contains the following provisions:

SECTION 2. The Mayor shall preside over the meetings of the Common Council and take care that the laws of the State and the ordinances of the city are duly enforced, respected, and observed, etc.

The Mayor continued: Supposing that the Common Council had passed that compromise of Mr. Hesing's, and had struck the whole Sunday liquor provisions out of the ordinance, then it would have became the duty of the Mayor and police, under the command of this charter provision, to proceed to enforce Section 9, Chapter 30, of the Statutes of Illinois. The penalties attached to violations of the State law are more severe than those under the city ordinance, and the course that would fall upon persons under the Statute, would exceed the whole of the average fines imposed by our magistrates. So that the liquor league would be exceedingly foolish to abolish the ordinance on the subject, without abolishing this portion of the statute or the other portion of the charter. So long as the statute stands, and this section of the charter stands, the law against tippling houses open on Sunday remains in full force and vigor. The Mayor and police could not avoid enforcing it without openly and palpably disregarding their sworn duties.

The Mayor believes that the Personal Liberty League overlooked the provisions of the statute and charter, or they never would have induced the Council to repeal the ordinance, and bring into force the severer law beyond the control of the Council.

THE FIELD AND STABLE.

Self-Sharpening Calkins---Scratches.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MANHATTAN, KAN., Jan. 10, 1873.

SHARP CALKINS.

Jack Frost has assumed his reign again; the roads are covered with snow and ice; and the time has come in which the shoes of horses have to be provided with sharp calkins, or corks. It is really the harvest-time of the horse-shapers, for calkins sharpened to-day are frequently dull again to-morrow, or at least within a few days, and then the horse has to be taken to the blacksmith-shop again. The blacksmith, of course, has no objections; but the owner of the horse has, for he loses time and money, or else has to risk the neck and limbs of his animal; or, under circumstances, even his own. Still, such a repeated sharpening of the calkins, and consequently such a frequent and otherwise unnecessary resetting of the shoes, can be avoided altogether by inserting a thin piece of steel into the centre of each calkin, for then the wearing off itself will keep them sharp. A horseshoe with such self-sharpening calkins can be prepared very easily in the following way: A common horseshoe, with common corks, or calkins, attached to it, such as are generally used in other seasons, may be taken; each calkin be split in the centre clear to a level with the shoe proper; a piece of good steel, as thick as the blade of a knife, and as wide as the calkin, be put and welded into the split; and then the calkin has to be sharpened a such a way that the steel in the centre constitutes the sharp edge. After that has been done, and after the shoe has been fitted to the foot,—the shoe should always be fitted to the hoof, and not the hoof to the shoe, as is often done,—the calkins may be hardened and the shoes be nailed on. This hardened steel in the centres will wear off much slower than the comparitively soft iron which constitutes the sides of the calkins; consequently the latter will be self-sharpening, and will remain sharp until almost worn off to a level.

I know very a great many horse-shoers will object to this method of making calkins,—not so much on account of the additional labor, but because they know that a horse shod in that way will not need to be taken to the blacksmith-shop every few days. Still, if one blacksmith refuses, another will consent; and I am confident that those readers of "The Field and Stable" who give the self-sharpening calkins a trial will be satisfied, even if they should have to remunerate a little extra to the blacksmith for the additional work required. I will yet remark that there is no danger of infringing upon a patent by using these calkins, for they never have been patented.

SCRATCHES.

Scratches—as I have had repeated occasions to remark in these columns—are a child of defect, and are much easier prevented than cured, though even a cure is not connected with any particular difficulty. The legs and pasterns of horses need careful cleaning at any season of the year, but especially in the latter part of winter and the fore part of spring, when the snow is melting, and when the roads are covered with dirty and ice-cold water, and with an abundance of mud.

At present, the ground, almost everywhere, is covered with snow; but, sooner, or later, the same will melt, and then the season of Scratches, and so-called Grease, will make its appearance, and the legs and pasterns of those horses that are used on the road are cleaned with the greatest care, at least once a day. In those cases, however, in which Scratches should make their appearance, exact cleaning, and a few applications of a mixture of one part of the child subacetate of lead with three parts of pure olive-oil, will soon effect a cure, provided the Scratches have not yet degenerated the skin.

VETERINARIAN.

Civilizing the Indians---An Interesting Narrative by General Garfield.

At a social gathering in Washington last Saturday evening, General Garfield gave an interesting account of his observations in Montana last summer, while on a special mission for the Indian Bureau. He expressed very little faith in the possibility of civilizing the Indian tribes of that Territory. The most discouraging trait in their character was a lack of acquisitiveness. They appeared to have no desire to acquire property, and if one came in possession of any surplus of provisions or blankets, every vagabond in his tribe was at liberty to come and help himself. The Indians seemed to feel bound to carry hospitality to such an extent as to give away everything they had. An industrious fellow, who had accumulated a store of dried meat or fish for winter consumption, would soon be visited by a crowd of his improvident brethren, who would live on him as long as he had anything to eat, and when his last morsel was gone, he would join his guests, and they would all quarter on some other member of the tribe. Thus these absurd ideas of the duties of hospitality took away all incentive for the accumulation of property.

General Garfield thought the chief hope for the ultimate civilization of these wild tribes was to be found in their love for horses and cattle, which was the only kind of property they appeared to set any value upon. They rarely gave away their live stock, and if they were ever to be led out of barbarism, it would be into the condition of herdsmen. He did not believe it was possible to convert a savage tribe at once into peaceful agriculturists, and was certain that no amount of presents of plows, patent reapers, and seeds would accomplish this end. Nature's process for civilizing savage races was to make of them first a nomadic, pastoral people, agriculture coming as the second step in the path of progress, and manufactures the last. The obstacle in all our dealings with the Indians was that we had attempted to induce them to make an immediate change from the life of hunter to that of farmers. If any remnant of the Indians should be preserved from the process of extinction so rapidly going on, the General believed it would be through their adoption of stock-raising as a means of subsistence, for which a vast extent of country among the Rocky Mountains, where the nutritious "bunch-grass" flourishes, was admirably adapted.

THE FREIGHT QUESTION.

Some Opinions of the Western Press.

From the Decatur (Ill.) Republican.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

The great problem of the day,—cheaper transportation,—ought to reach a solution before long, if there is any virtue in discussion, for it is everywhere the topic of conversation. Remedies of all kinds are suggested, but few people seem to have arrived at a proper understanding of the fact that the whole trouble arises from the disposition in human nature to take advantage of the necessities of individuals or communities. The inexorable law of supply and demand governs railroad freights as well as other things, and it so happens that just at the season of the year when the crops of the West are to be moved the great regulator of freight tariffs—water transportation—is cut off. As a consequence, the produce of the grain-growing States in seeking a market overtasks the carrying capacity of the great through lines of railroad, and freights advance. We may prate as we please about the grasping extortions of railroad companies, but it is not in human nature to desist from exacting increased remuneration for any commodity of service for which the demand is in excess of the supply. With all our railroad building in the West during the past ten years, we have built no trunk lines leading towards tidewater, but have confined our extensions to local lines, which act as feeders to the main arteries built years ago. Each one of these feeders adds to the vast amount of surplus produce which must be shipped away, by the effect it has upon production, which is stimulated by every new railroad. The result of all this is seen in the accumulation of freight at the points where the feeders empty their treasures of corn and wheat upon the overcrowded main lines, where thousands of loaded cars stand for days and weeks, on account of the sheer impossibility of sending them forward as fast as they arrive. Because of this glut, as railroad officials claim, rates are sometimes put up for the very purpose of checking shipments, so as to allow the road time to get their freight moved forward. But whether this claim is entitled to belief or not, it would be thought strange that railroad companies should exact high rates when the demand upon their carrying capacity is so great. The same result is seen in all other departments of business, when the demand exceeds the supply.

There is no doubt that there are many grievous abuses in the management of railroads—abuses which need correction, and which must possibly demand the strong arm of the law to remedy, but when we look at the question of transportation in the same light in which we view all other questions of a business character, we cannot avoid the conclusion that what we most need is more competition in the way of trunk lines. If we had more routes to the sea coast, the question of freights would soon settle itself, and the politician or statesman who desires to make for himself a lasting reputation as a public benefactor needs only to devise means for the accomplishment of this end. Whether this is to be accomplished by building competing lines of railroad, or by the establishment of a system of water communication between this great valley and tidewater which will not be frozen up during five or six months of the year, is a question which should call for the most careful examination by those who are interesting themselves just now with reference to this subject.

From the Des Moines (Iowa) Register.

THE SKELETON IN THE CORN-CRIB.

The Hon. Joseph Cogswell Gower comes on the overshadowing problem of the day, the transportation question, as delivered by him before the State Agricultural Society, on Wednesday evening last, is published in full in this issue of the *Register*, and will also appear in our next weekly. We have not space in this issue to review his address until next week, but shall reserve discussion of the most important of them for subsequent issues. We may say here in brief, that it deals with the question with candor, and is characterized throughout by pervading good sense. It is not a restatement of old theories, nor a rehearsing of old ideas, but is written in the matter from an original stand-point, and presents plans and theories which will be recognized as new, and striking as well. It is generally practicable, although some of it we should not consider so—as, for instance, the proposition for a Government freight railroad, or which a farmer can hire a train of his own and on which he may carry his own produce to market. We imagine, from the little we know about the business, that a railroad could not be operated very successfully on the livery stable plan. The Governor's arguments in favor of cheaper freights are irresistible, and his showing, by reliable statistics, that the difference between reasonable freights and extortionate tariffs would be sufficient, in the matter of the Iowa crops for one year alone, to make the Fox and Wisconsin River improvement, at the most practical and the most profitable, is full illustration of the case in print that we have yet seen. Very clearly, too, does

THE LAW COURTS.

The Right of a Bankrupt's Wife to Support Out of the Estate Confirmed.

Clandestine Removal of $10,000 Worth of Goods from a Clark Street Store.

Suit Against an Omnibus Company for $20,000—Heavy Verdicts Yesterday.

The Winnetka School Bond Taxes Injunction Removed.

The matter of the bankruptcy of Ernst Brandt came up again, yesterday, in one of its numerous phases, in the United States District Court. It will be remembered that Mrs. Brandt was restrained by injunction from collecting the rents of the real estate which had been conveyed to her by her husband; and that Judge Blodgett, of the District Court, refused to dissolve this injunction on the motion of the counsel of Mrs. Brandt. An appeal was taken from this decision to Judge Drummond, of the United States Circuit Court, by petition for review.

An account of the argument on this appeal, by Mr. Bontette for the creditors, and Mr. John W. Ela for Mrs. Brandt, appeared in THE TRIBUNE some weeks ago, also the decision of Judge Drummond, modifying the injunction and allowing Mrs. Brandt a provision out of the rents, and this decision, which appeared in this column only, created considerable excitement among those interested in bankruptcy.

Yesterday the bankruptcy issue came up for trial before Judge Blodgett. Mr. Homer Cook represented the creditors, and John W. Ela and J. M. Barrows appeared for the defendant, Brandt. The testimony, which was voluminous, had been taken before Register Hibbard, and was read to the Court, and several sets of bankruptcy were alleged.

Mr. Cook, in his argument on behalf of the creditors, claimed that the allowing the wife to receive the rents of the real estate for a long time previous to the commencement of these proceedings was an act of bankruptcy, the defendant being proved to be insolvent. Also that the sale of a stock of hats and caps, testified to, was in fraud of creditors, and an act of bankruptcy; and claimed other acts of bankruptcy on account of preferred payments, and that defendant was largely insolvent.

Mr. Ela, for the defendant, argued that the receiving of the rents by the wife was not an act of bankruptcy, because Judge Drummond had held that some portion of those rents belonged to the wife, perhaps all; and until the amount is ascertained, this Court will not assume that the rents were the property of the defendant for the purpose of helping him into bankruptcy; and again, the rents were used for the support of the family. The fact that the wife used the defendant's money to support the family, with, cannot be held an act of bankruptcy. That as to the sale of the stock of goods, it did not hinder or delay creditors; they were better off than before. No insolvency was proven; there were no preferences. It is a proceeding merely to compel payment of some debts, fishing for acts of bankruptcy as they went along.

The Court, in his decision, sustained the point made by Mr. Ela as to the rents of the real estate—deciding that the rents being used for the support of the family—and, as the family must live, it made no difference to the creditors whether the means came from the business or these rents,—this could not be an act of bankruptcy. But he held that the effect of the sale of the stock was to hinder creditors, and that some of the payments specifying them were proven to be preferred; and, therefore, adjudicated defendant a bankrupt.

It is understood that this decision also will be taken before Judge Drummond by appeal.

BANKRUPTCY MATTERS.

Lewis W. Cass, merchant and retail clothier of this and Elgin, is charged with having secretly and fraudulently disposed of his stocks of clothing, etc., amounting in value to over $40,000, to various persons, particularly James Baxter, of this city, who claims to have paid him $8,500 in cash and a like sum in lands for a stock which is believed to be worth $15,000 in Chicago, and a stock worth $15,000 in Elgin; the greater part of the Chicago stock being removed by either Cass or Baxter to some place at present unknown, between last Sunday night and last Monday morning, at least to the value of $10,000; and Baxter having transferred the Elgin stock to one David Miller, of whom, it is charged, that he is acting merely as a cover for Baxter, the three parties, Cass, Baxter, and Miller being in collusion, and conspiring together to defeat the creditors by this arrangement. It is further charged that Miller and Baxter are turning the above goods into cash with all possible rapidity; that Cass and his family have left Elgin, where they resided, for an unknown destination; that Cass has in his possession large sums of money which he has secreted, and is taking beyond the reach of his creditors; that he has in his possession all the accounts, notes, books, assets, and memoranda necessary to ascertain the condition of his estate; and the Court is petitioned to grant a warrant for his arrest, and for the purpose of preventing the further sale of the goods held by Miller and Baxter. Founded on the above facts, the firm of Charles P. Kellogg & Co. yesterday petitioned for the adjudication of Cass as bankrupt. The petition contains nothing of interest except the above; a formal demand for bankruptcy, and a statement of the nature of the claim under which the Court is petitioner, namely, a note. An affidavit of Samuel French, of Elgin, who sold the Elgin business to the debtor, is also filed. It relates that the stock transferred by him to Cass was worth about $12,000; that Cass commenced business in Chicago at 128 South Clark street, in September or October last, carrying a stock of about $30,000; that the notes given for the Elgin stock have been duly paid, except the last, for $16,000; that he came to Chicago to find Cass, but did not succeed; that he discovered that a large portion of the stock had been removed as above stated; that he met Baxter, who claimed to have bought the entire goods of Cass, then remaining in Chicago, for $5,000, $3,500 in cash and $2,500 in land, and the Elgin stock for $13,000, $6,500 in cash and $6,500 in land, and resold the latter to Miller. The usual processes to accomplish all that was necessary were issued.

The Court yesterday allowed the set-off of Michael Fitzgerald's notes, held by the Home Insurance Company, against the policy held by him against the Company, and ordered a decree regulating the precise terms of the set-off.

The Court ordered that the rule giving leave for the sale of collaterals, in the matter of the Lumberman's Insurance Company, be stayed in the following cases: James Warl, Seneca D. Kimball, Hy. Wilbeck, Abner R. Scranton, Chas. B. Sawyer, J. R. Riggs, George B. Purington, Francis Lenzenbarth, S. M. Jones, Nathan Mears, Artemus Carter, Nelson Ludington, Chas. S. Barton, Eli Bates, Wm. B. Phillips, Eldridge G. Hall, Daniel Goss, and Chas N. Holden.

Paton & Co., of New York, yesterday petitioned for the adjudication of Wm. C. Polsman, on the ground of the debtor making payments of money, amounting to over $500, to C. W. & E. Partridge & Co., Darcom, Pirie & Co., and Kramer Brothers whilst insolvent. Petitioners claim as creditors under an account for $478. The debtor has prepared a statement as a basis for compromising with his creditors, showing assets valued at $21,000, and debts over $25,000.

A. Willis Paine, trading at 294 West Madison street, is represented as owning $11,000, and having nothing but his stock, valued at $8,000, and a few personal items, to show for it. He admits, also, that, to satisfy a debt of $300 to J. W. Milliken, of this city, he sent one Baker to Rockford, Ill., with a stock worth $1,300, who sold it for less than $700 as a bankrupt's stock, out of which he paid Milliken. He has now stopped payment, and asked his creditors to compromise, whereat the firm of Kellogg, Hubbard & Co., of New York, entered a petition in the District Court for his adjudication as a bankrupt.

The first fruits of the Munn, Norton & Scott bankruptcy are only beginning to show. Yesterday, the Assignees of the estate petitioned for the bankruptcy of G. H. Bradford, of New Bradford, as creditors on a note of $3,260.44 for value received, dated Oct. 22, 1872, which note Bradford has acknowledged to Thomas Powell, bookkeeper of the petitioner, that he is unable to pay.

The following persons were yesterday adjudicated bankrupts by default: L. Goldsmith; warrant returnable before Hibbard, Feb. 14. George Hanslein; warrant returnable before Hibbard, Feb. 13. Mark Campbell; warrant returnable before Hibbard, Feb. 15.

After the bankruptcy of Pettibone & Flynn, the Assignee received 60,000 of brick from Joshua Norton, of Marseilles, Ill., on which he had to pay $272 for handling. Yesterday the Court gave leave to the Assignee to return the property to Norton on his paying all expenses.

The Assignee of John J. Lake, bankrupt, reports that he has come into possession of 91 acres of land in Livingstone County, and the Court yesterday gave him leave to sell the same for one-half cash, and the balance in two years.

THE M'CORMICK-HART SUIT.

The papers in the suit Cyrus H. McCormick and Leander James McCormick v. Mary and William Oppenhauer, John W. Hart, Emily and Peter Muhl, Rebecca and John H. Riegel, Hy. T. Hart and Mary Jane Hart, were yesterday restored, together with a supplemental bill. The latter states that the plaintiffs, surviving partners of the late firm of C. H. McCormick & Brothers, will show the Court that on the 27th April, 1864, James Hart, since deceased, executed and delivered to said C. H. McCormick & Brothers his promissory note of that date for $2,000, payable in seven years, to the order of the firm, with interest at 10 per cent payable half yearly, and that to secure the payment of said note said Hart executed his mortgage to said firm, of even date with the note, of the southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 36 14, whereby it was provided that if default should be made in the payment of interest the whole amount of the note should become due and payable, and might be proceeded for by the firm in the usual manner; that no interest has been paid on the debt since June, 1866; that Hart died intestate on the 2d August, 1869, having apparently relinquished all intention of making any further payments on account of the indebtedness; and that the heirs, defendants in this suit, have displayed equal indifference; and the Court is prayed to declare the indebtedness as stated, and order the sale of the property to satisfy the claim. There are unsatisfied claims for taxes on the property. The case was carried, on a former decision of the Circuit Court, to the Supreme Court, and by the latter remanded to the Circuit Court; and all the papers that were destroyed by fire were yesterday ordered restored.

John Cochrane, for the use of George H. Rozet, yesterday commenced suit in the Superior Court in assumpsit, $10,000, against the National Insurance Company, on a policy of insurance for $5,000, expiring 1871, issued to John Bradner Smith, on No. 120 Bush street, said policy being indorsed, Jan. 25, 1870, "Lose, if any, payable to John Cochrane, as his interest may appear, and no change in title or possession to affect his interest," and by indorsement dated June 11, 1869, J. B. Smith's interest being transferred to George H. Rozet.

The injunction obtained by Mr. Sherlock, of Winnetka, restraining the collection of taxes assessed for the payment of the new school bonds, was yesterday dissolved, and the complainant directed to pay the cost of the injunction and damages caused thereby; total, $385. This extraordinary case will be fresh in the memory of the reader. The Winnetka people built a school with funds raised by bonds specially issued for the purpose, and the complainant, by his representations of improper proceedings, illegality, etc., procured a temporary injunction restraining the collection of taxes.

TWO LARGE VERDICTS.

The suit against Harlan H. Peck, for assessments on shares in the bankrupt Great Western Insurance Company, was yesterday concluded, the jury giving a verdict for $52,061.53.

The next case tried was the same Company against Mary A. Sawyer, for $6,150. Mrs. Sawyer was unbeknowing in her position that she had never bought the shares, that they never been allotted to or transferred to her, and that she had never had any desire to hold them. The difficulty with the prosecution was that the shares had no name upon them, although in the books of the Company they were shown to be in the name of the defendant. Finally the prosecution clinched the matter by showing that the lady had received dividends on the very shares she now repudiated. That settled all doubts, and the jury found for the full amount claimed.

THE MILTIMORE PATENT AXLE INJUNCTION.

The great railroad axle patent case, Sleeper v. Miltimore, et al., which we have so often reported that it must by this time be perfectly familiar to all our readers, was yesterday decided by Judge Farwell, who made the following order: It is hereby ordered that the injunction heretofore issued be so modified as to operate to restrain the defendants from so selling, assigning, transferring, or disposing of any letters patent which have been or may hereafter be issued to the United States, for the invention or improvement in the bill of complaint mentioned, or of any rights in said invention of improvement, or causing, allowing, procuring, or suffering the same to be done as to in any way interfere with the right of the complainant in said invention here or elsewhere than in the United States to the extent of one-fourth interest thereon, until the final decree herein in respect thereto be prepared.

DIVORCE MATTERS.

The Perrine divorce suit, commenced on the 10th inst., went, before the reporters could see the papers, to Master Denison the same day, was returned with a complete report to the Court yesterday, the report submitted to Judge Gary in the forenoon, and divorce immediately granted, all within 100 hours. The wife testified that a woman came to her store on Dearborn street and asked her husband for money; that her husband went out on the sidewalk to talk with her, and that she had the appearance of a lewd woman. A friend of his wife proved seeing Charles Perrine go into 195 West Madison street, and that, on charging him with its being a house of evil repute, he acknowledged that he had a girl there with whom he had been having some fun. All this occurred about a month ago, and the parties have not lived together since, both apparently agreed that they can be happier apart, whether the example may be conducive to the increase of American morality or not.

In the divorce suit, Mary v. John Savage, a change of venue was yesterday granted to Lake County by Judge Williams.

THE CICERO INJUNCTION SUIT.

The following letter is gladly given a space in this column. The shrewd Committee seem to entertain a notion that the petitioners were hasty; but the latter evidently wished to be prepared for the meeting which they expected would have been held before this:

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In regard to the article in your paper of yesterday, headed "The Treasurer of Cicero and the $70,000 bonds," the undersigned were appointed a Special Committee to report on the Treasurer's statement of accounts, and had not been able to get together, therefore, the action of the "petitioners" was rather hasty, until they had grounds for anticipating what their action would be. The Treasurer neither demanded, nor had the Board of Trustees any intention of granting, anything more than what was just and legal.

JOHN CRAWFORD,
N. M. BARRETT,
JOHN BLAIR,
} Committee.

CALL TO-DAY.

Judge Hopkins will try Murphy v. Foos. If the parties do not present themselves, the jury will probably be discharged.

Judge Blodgett will proceed with motions, and decisions on pending matters.

Judge Porter calls 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91 to 98, inclusive.

Judge Rogers calls 31 to 40, inclusive. Brown v. Snell on trial.

Judge Tree will try 59,—Gerhardt v. Lamparter.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

A loan of $6,000, obtained in 1854, is now an indebtedness of $14,000, including interest and outlays, for which sum the lenders yesterday commenced suit in the United States Circuit Court. The plaintiff, Frank A. Day, of Muscatine, Iowa, alleges in his bill that he has acquired from Thomas Brayton and Samuel Haile, of New York, the note of Peter Boyce, of Morley, Missouri, for $5,000, together with a mortage to secure the same, given by Benjamin and Nancy Boyce, of Oregon, Illinois. He desires to foreclose, as the property is but scant security for the encumbrances now on it.

In the District Court, yesterday, a number of suits were brought by creditors of the scow Ida H. Bloom, to recover against the proceeds of sale of that vessel; and Clark Lipe and John A. Nelson brought suit against Charles Fitzsimmons, to recover $564.78, the value of freight of a cargo of lumber per scow Harriet Ann.

Solicitors practising in the United States District Court are informed that only one jury case remains for trial before Judge Hopkins, and if the parties are not in Court to-day the jury will be discharged. The case in question is Murphy v. Foos.

The long-contested suit, Flagler v. Joy, which has been on hearing before Judge Gary for a long time past, was, yesterday, dismissed for want of equity. Judge Gary delivered an elaborate opinion. The facts are familiar to all readers of this column.

The claim of the Louisville *Courier-Journal* against the Warner Proprietary Medicine Company is before a jury in Judge Porter's Court. The plaintiff sues for an advertising account.

Judge Blodgett, yesterday, granted the injunction prayed for by the City National Bank of Chicago, restraining the collection of taxes by Collector Morrison, of West Chicago, on the stock of the Company.

Thomas Cuddy sues the People's Omnibus and Baggage Company for $20,000, the estimated cost of a broken arm, of which he alleges the Company has deprived him by negligence.

The bill brought in the United States District Court, chancery side, Meyer v. Yocke, assignee, etc., was yesterday dismissed for want of equity.

The case was given to the jury in Toomey v. The United States Brick Company, yesterday evening, in Judge Tree's Court.

In the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, H. K. Kattenhorn et al. brought suit in assumpsit, for $3,000, against Levi J. Colburn et al.

NEW SUITS.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—Simeon Becker v. Frank P. Hawkins, Thos. R. Willard, and Volney E. Rusco, doing business as Hawkins, Willard & Co.; assumpsit, $1,000.—Herman H. Kattenhorn, Eide P. Hopke, H. Offerman, and Claus Doscher v. Levi J. Colburn and Joseph A. Holmes; assumpsit, $3,000.—John C. Tucker and Jas. M. Meade v. A. Cummins and John Stout; assumpsit, $1,500.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Suits were brought by the following persons for proceeds of the sale of the scow Ida H. Bloom: A. H. Coates et al., $20; O. D. Norris et al., $60.95; C. E. Burrows, $45; A. D. Campbell et al., $17; W. H. Wolf et al., $94.05.—Clark Lipe and John A. Nelson v. Chas. Fitzsimmons; libel, $564.78.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.—5,570—Tempel v. Lang; appeal. 5,571—Catherine McGinn v. Emma J. Lawrence; trespass, $2,000. 5,572—McCormick et al. v. Hart et al.; Restored papers. 5,573—Appeal.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.—41,946—Nancy W. v. Thomas M. Burton; divorce. 41,948—John Cochrane for use of George H. Bozet v. National Insurance Company; assumpsit $10,000. 41,949—Calvin H. Swain v. Jas. R. Coe; confession of judgment on a note of $191.57. 41,950—J. N. Griswold & Co. v. Collins Kessler & Co.; assumpsit, $500. 41,951—Brownson et al. v. Michigan Central Railroad Co.; appeal. 41,952—Henry P. Taylor v. Lemuel Eastman; assumpsit $300. 41,953—Thos. Cuddy v. People's Omnibus and Baggage Company; case, $20,000.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Various Matters of Public Importance Discussed Last Evening.

The Board's Attorney Directed to Institute Suit Against J. Y. Scammon for That $32,000.

The Board of Education held a regular semi-monthly meeting last evening, President King in the chair. There were present Inspectors Calkins, Goggin, Hambleton, Hesing, Richberg, Stone, Wells, and Wilce.

Inspector Wilce submitted a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Judiciary Committee to examine the title to the Hayes' School property, with a view of selling it on account of its proximity to the railroad track.

The same Inspector presented a resolution, changing the session hours of the High School from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., for the accommodation of pupils who live at a distance from the school; also recommending that the South Side Railway Company be requested to extend the same privileges to South Side pupils attending the High School as to those of the North Side. It was adopted.

A communication, advocating the erection of additional school houses, in anticipation of the passage of a law making attendance of children compulsory, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Inspector Sheldon, from the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, reported that four basement rooms had been placed in the Franklin School, at a cost of $1,400. The report was adopted, and the bill ordered to be paid.

Inspector Stone, from the Committee on Text Books, reported in favor of the purchase of Prang's Natural History of Chromos for use in the grammar and primary schools.

Inspector Richberg opposed the purchase of the cards, for the reason that the time of the scholars could be better employed than looking at them.

Inspectors Stone, Wells, and Hambleton spoke in favor of "object lessons."

The report was adopted—yeas, 8; nays, 2—Hesing and Richberg.

The Committee on High School reported recommending that the following named boys and girls be readmitted to the High School: Anna Murphy, Mattie J. Brainard, Henry F. Steel, Ella Beasley, Fannie Ricbam, and Theodore L. Bergen. The report was adopted.

Superintendent Pickard said it was proposed to send copies of the examination papers of the school children to the Vienna Exposition, and to deposit another copy in the Free Library.

Under the head of "miscellaneous business," Inspector Goggin inquired what was going to be done about the claim against J. Y. Scammon—whether it was the intention of the Board to make any effort to collect the $32,000 due the school fund.

Inspector Wilce moved that the attorney of the Board be instructed to re-enter the case, and prosecute Scammon for the amount of the claim.

Inspector Stone considered it a very grave matter, and, as there was not a full Board present, moved as a substitute that the matter be postponed until next meeting.

Inspector Richberg thought the Board had received all the light they could; everyone understood the question, and was prepared to vote for or against prosecution. He hoped the suit would be pushed.

Inspector Calkins said he should like to have some assurance that something was to be gained by resorting to the law. Was not the continual harping about the claim buncombe? He believed that the Committee should recommend what action was necessary.

Inspector Wilce did not consider it buncombe. The remark seemed directed to him, and he wished it understood that there was no buncombe in his constitution.

Inspector Sheldon gave a history of the manner of conducting the banking business in the "wild-cat" days. He did not believe the claim was good.

The President stated that the persons who refused to settle with the bankers for 60 or 80 cents on the dollar had carried the suits to the Supreme Court and obtained judgment for the full value of their deposits.

Inspector Stone moved, as a substitute for the motion, that the matter be referred back to the Judiciary Committee, with a request that they make some recommendation regarding it.

Inspector Goggin, as a member of the Judiciary Committee, did not like to make any recommendation. Mr. Dent, the attorney, had told him that, if an individual had a similar claim, he would not fail to prosecute it, as such claims had been collected through the aid of the Courts.

Inspector Richberg moved that the substitute of Inspector Stone be laid on the table. The motion was agreed to—yeas, 6; nays, 4—Calkins, Hesing, Sheldon, and Stone.

The question then recurred on the original motion, instructing the attorney to prosecute the suit, and it was agreed to—yeas, 11; nays, 1—Wells.

The Board then adjourned.

A Remedy.

Weak Lungs and Sensitive Throats are severely tried by the sudden changes of temperature occurring during our winters, and in consequence Asthmatic Affections, Inflammation of the Lungs, Pleurisy, Bronchitis and similar complaints, are sure to be more or less prevalent. Coughs and Colds, the forerunners of these often fatal complaints, and frequently the cause of them, should be promptly taken in hand on the first symptoms, by resorting at once to Dr. Jayne's Expectorant, an old and well-tried remedy, certain to remove your Cold, and to exert a healing and strengthening effect on the Pulmonary and Bronchial organs. Sold everywhere.

Brand's Reduction.

Brand, the photographer, as will be seen by advertisements on the first page of this issue of THE TRIBUNE, has reduced his prices. This course, in view of the present stringency in the money market, is commendable, and many persons will doubtless take advantage of the opportunity to secure *fac similes* of their countenances for presentation to friends and relatives.

—The *Athenæum* raises a well-bred protest against the "indiscretion" of Baron Stockmar's memoirs, just out in London, as publishing documents and secrets of State during the lifetime of their authors. Baron Stockmar was physician to the Royal family of England, and his son, in publishing these memoirs, has used all his materials without retrenchment. The "vain and meddlesome old gentleman," as the *Athenæum* calls him, makes out Wellington to have been a pompous and rather weak-minded man, Lord Derby "a frivolous aristocrat," Palmerston an insane innovator, and Guizot a "vain, irritable, and ambitious Frenchman."

—Yet another disaster has befallen the Holy Father; $200,000 of the money collected under this head was deposited by the Papal Nuncio at Brussels with the Union Bank of Antwerp, an establishment specially supported by the Belgian clerical party, which lately failed.

SEWERAGE.

Extracts from a Report by Dr. Rauch.

Suggestions Which May or May Not Be of Any Value.

The Board of Health were yesterday made the recipients of what purported to be a report on sewerage. Dr. Rauch, of course, was the donor. The report covered several hundred pages of foolscap. It was filled with numerous tables, comments, and explanations. The report, if printed in THE TRIBUNE, would fill about two of our pages, and would make a lunatic of any man who attempted to read it and understand what it was all about. Not desiring to jeopardize the intellect of any rash reader, we merely append such portions of Dr. Rauch's essay as seem to us of general interest.

THE REPORT.

The necessity of the systematic drainage of Chicago was not fully appreciated until it had suffered from epidemics for six years in succession—five of cholera and one of dysentery—the death rate during this period being higher than in any city in the United States. As the result of this terrible experience, on Feb. 14, 1855, an act was passed by the Legislature of Illinois creating the Board of Sewerage Commissioners. In compliance with the act, the Commissioners were elected as prescribed, and steps immediately taken to give practical effect to the same in surveys and in the consideration of plans for the drainage of the city. The plan proposed by Mr. Chesborough was adopted in December, and in 1856 the work of constructing sewers commenced. This plan has mainly been adhered to since, and prosecuted with varying vigor and effect, as will be seen by the following table, showing the number of feet built annually, population, mortality, and death rate:

Year.	*Feet.*	*Population.*	*Mortality.*	*Death rate per 1,000.*
1856	31,794	84,113	2,056	24.39
1857	96,031	94,000	2,434	25.26
1858	101,979	84,000	2,255	26.84
1859	55,208	90,000	2,008	21.36
1860	99,026	109,260	2,264	20.79
1861	2,926	120,000	2,279	18.99
1862	18,085	137,000	3,833	20.69
1863	39,605	150,000	5,875	35.83
1864	25,021	161,288	4,448	27.57
1865	29,949	178,492	4,059	22.57
1866	48,127	200,418	6,524	32.22
1867	89,661	225,000	4,648	21.17
1868	47,841	252,054	5,994	23.74
1869	132,709	280,000	6,124	21.87
1870	78,166	299,227	7,343	24.53
1871	80,392	328,000	6,976	21.46
1872	42,797	367,393	10,187	27.60

In the first period of sewer construction, ending in 1860, there were built 2.59 feet to one of the population; the next, ending in 1866, there was a falling off to 2.23 feet; and from 1866 to 1870 inclusive, there was an increase to 2.67 feet, and in 1871 a decrease to 2.54; and in 1872, a still greater decrease to 2.43. It would, therefore, be seen that for the last two years the population of the city has been increasing faster than the sewerage has been extended, and that this was the chief cause of the increase in the death rate.

At no time since the construction of sewers commenced in this city have they been adequate to the sanitary requirements, and as long as this state of things continued, owing to the topography and character of the soil upon which this city is built, we must expect to have a high death rate, particularly among children.

He had learned that there were 14,678 acres in the territory east of Western avenue within the city limits. Of these, only 4,372 acres were drained, and about 4,000 more needed sewerage at this time. A sanitary necessity demanded the immediate addition of about 5,000 feet to the drainage of the western and northern portion of the Fourth Ward. In the western and northern part of the Fifth Ward much good could be accomplished by about 9,000 feet. Draining every street north of Twenty-second that is unsewered, in the Sixth Ward, and extending the system to Twenty-sixth street and along the river to the extent of 18,000 feet, was also needed. In the Seventh Ward, where, for the last two years, there had been the highest death rate, about 17,000 feet was required. It is specially important that all the streets east of Halsted should be sewered, as the population is dense, and natural drainage very defective; and that Morgan street be sewered, although population was not so dense there, but for the purpose of relieving a densely populated district in the Eighth Ward that has no other outlet. With 9,000 feet the pressing necessities of the Eighth Ward could be relieved, and its sanitary condition much improved. The building of 8,000 feet in the Ninth Ward was demanded, as there were streets in it that are in as bad a condition, taking everything into consideration, as any other in the city. It is specially important that a ward so centrally located and densely populated should be thoroughly drained. The Tenth Ward needed about 2,000 feet, and in the Eleventh there were still streets undrained near the river, where, from the character of the soil and density of population, it was important to build at least 5,000 feet. Although the mortality of the Twelfth Ward was not so high as many others, the construction of 7,000 feet would greatly diminish the death rate. The Thirteenth Ward was really one of the best wards in the city, but the addition of about 6,000 feet would add materially to its healthfulness. The Fourteenth Ward, which had the lowest amount of sewerage as a ward, but its death rate, owing to character of population, elevation, and air space, was lower than many others. The addition of 9,000 feet would be advisable. Between the Seventh and Fifteenth Wards, for the last three years, there had existed a rivalry as to which should have the highest death rate, both having about the same number of feet of sewer to each individual, which was less than any of the other wards; 18,000 feet are immediately needed to relieve it from much sickness and death. The Sixteenth Ward needed immediately about 14,000 feet, and the western part of the Seventeenth Ward 9,000, the Eighteenth about 5,000, and the Nineteenth 9,000 feet to complete its drainage. The construction of the sewerage alluded to in the different wards could be carried on without deviation from the general system, and, if built upon the streets recommended by the Board, would diminish the death rate of the city 5 per cent. If every portion of the city that is now in want of drainage were sewered, the death rate, as a general rule, would be reduced 12 per cent, making it one of the healthiest large cities in the world, which, he was sorry to say, it was not now, owing more to the want of drainage than to anything else.

The sewerage system of the city had its origin in a sanitary necessity, and was strictly a sanitary measure, and whatever other benefits may accrue therefrom are only of secondary importance. All sewers should be located with reference to sanitary considerations, and no others.

The pressure brought to bear upon the Board of Public Works and the Common Council for the last two years to secure drainage, by interested parties, had been very great, and, in many instances, where they were unable to succeed, arrangements were made to have the street paved, thus compelling sewers to be laid, to the neglect of other streets where drainage was more needed. The present law with regard to sewer connections should be changed, as the Board of Health has advocated for the last five years. A bill was prepared making the property-owner responsible for the sewer connection when the lease of the ground did not extend over five years, but, from some cause or other, it never became a law.

An examination of the sewage map showed that, as a rule, the best and highest portions of the city were drained. The sewers extended north from the Chicago River four miles, and two and a half north on the lake shore; west, two and a half miles from the river in the central and highest portion of the West Side, while there were districts unsewered much nearer. The Chicago River was the centre of the system, and the territory near it being generally low, and the soil clarey, the necessity for drainage was greater than where it is high and sandy. The drainage of all the territory on and near the river where population is dense, was the great sanitary necessity of the city at this time. The more complete the drainage was near the river the better it would be for those who live more remote from it, and, although they may not immediately get sewers, still the effect of those built upon and near the river would be felt by them, as drainage necessarily removed the "ground water" in a lower locality than where they are. It must also be recollected that drainage influences nearly all diseases, and that contagious and epidemic diseases were rendered more malignant and fatal by want of it; so that those who live some distance away from the pestilential spots were endangered. It was not alone a matter of duty, but one of "safety, so those who are better situated, to see that the poorer elements of our community was cared for in this respect.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY.

The announcement, made public on Monday, that Messrs. John V. Farwell & Co. were about to dispose of their retail stock of dry goods at peremptory sale, caused the store to be thronged all day, yesterday, with purchasers eager to secure a share in an opportunity so rarely offered. The street in front of the establishment was thronged with vehicles, and the interior of the store presented a most animated appearance. It is the intention of the firm to have this sale continue, for they have determined to clear out their immense stock of goods within the next sixty days. The reason for this extraordinary sale is that Messrs. Farwell have resolved to abandon the retail business entirely, and devote the whole of their attention to the wholesale and jobbing trade. The opportunity presented is a rare one, as all the stock is new, and will be sold at even less than cost price.

ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

Annual Meeting---Report of the Trustees.

The Academy's New Building Progressing Finely.

The annual meeting of the Chicago Academy of Sciences was held last evening in Mr. Scammon's private library. A large attendance of members who had found their way through the devious labyrinths of Scammon court were on hand. In the absence of the President, Dr. Andrews called the meeting to order, and nominated Mr. Scammon for Chairman. Mr. Scammon was elected.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees was presented, containing the following important items: The Board had determined to rebuild the Academy upon the old lot on Wabash avenue, but intended to improve it by the erection of stores in front. The building would cost, it was estimated, $80,000. Work had been commenced upon the building, which was progressing rapidly. The receipts of the Academy amounted during the year to $2,230, and the expenditures to $2,208.78. The Board hoped and expected to have the library room so far completed in a few weeks that it may be used by the Curator and his assistants, as well as the Board and the Academy at its meetings. The Board recommends that fitting cases for the preservation of specimens be at once prepared. This would cost thousands of dollars, and the Board should at once make a vigorous and continued effort until successful. The unpaid subscription notes amounted to $5,291.25 at present. Some of the subscribers were abundantly able to pay. Thirty-one members have neglected to pay their annual dues for the past year, and a few are also delinquent for the previous year. The report concludes with a recommendation that the Academy should enforce the provision of the by-laws for such neglect. The report was adopted.

The Recorder presented a list of donations from various persons, some of them of great value. The list is too voluminous for publication.

On motion, the Academy proceeded to ballot for the election of a Trustee of the Academy. Mr. George J. Bumsey was nominated and elected unanimously.

On motion, the Committee on Dr. Stimpson's memorial was enlarged, and Dr. Foster added to it, in the position of Chairman.

The Academy then proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, the result being as follows:

President—Colonel J. W. Foster.
Vice Presidents—Dr. O. Johnson, E. W. Blatchford.
Librarian—Dr. Viele.
Recorder—Dr. Norman Bridge.
Committee on Membership—Dr. Andrews, E. W. Blatchford, and Dr. Rauch.
General Committee—Colonel J. W. Foster, Dr. O. Johnson, E. W. Blatchford, Dr. Viele, Dr. Sargent, S. S. Walker, Dr. Babcock, S. A. Briggs, Dr. Small, William Bross.

On motion, a subscription paper was opened for the purpose of defraying the cost of specimen cases. Mr. Scammon stated that he was authorized to subscribe $100 for each of the following gentlemen: Mr. E. W. Blatchford, E. B. McCagg, Mr. E. H. Sheldon, Mr. Loomis, Mr. H. M. Thompson, and J. Y. Scammon. Mr. S. S. Walker added $100; Albert Ebert, $25; J. Gaylord, $100; Dr. Rauch, $25; Dr. Viele, $25; P. C. Gilbert Wheeler, $25; J. A. Smith, $25; W. W. Calkins, $10; and others.

Mr. Scammon exhibited some specimens of water from an artesian well, at a depth of 1,380 feet. The water was clear, and free from unpleasant taste. It is slightly brackish, however. Mr. Scammon states that the engineer determines to proceed 30 feet further toward the apex of Mr. Scammon's real estate.

A Committee was appointed to look up subscriptions, composed of the following gentlemen: Dr. Bridge, Dr. Ebert, and Mr. George Bumsey.

The Academy adjourned.

PERSONAL.

Hon. S. H. Duncan, of Georgia, is at the Tremont.

George H. Patterson, Esq., of England, is at the Gardner.

John McM. King, Esq., of Pittsburgh, Pa., is at the Tremont.

Major A. T. Whittle, United States Army, is at the Sherman.

Hon. Samuel Warren, of Ohio, was at Anderson's yesterday.

Judge Mason, of Cleveland, was at the Tremont yesterday.

Captain W. H. Harrison, United States Navy, was at Anderson's yesterday.

Judge J. S. Murphy, of Davenport, Iowa, was at Burke's yesterday.

Captain John Wiley, of Buffalo, N. Y., was at Burke's yesterday.

Rev. Howard H. Jenningo, of San Francisco, was at the Tremont yesterday.

R. Laird Collier contributes the article on Wendell Phillips for the Star Lecture Course Magazine.

J. Q. A. Bean, Esq., the New York agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, was in town yesterday.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy officials have returned from their tour of inspection of the Burlington & Missouri River Road, and report it in good condition.

J. H. Devereux, Esq., General Manager, and Charles Paine, General Superintendent of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, were at the Tremont yesterday.

E. F. Test, Esq., well known in the railway circles of Chicago, has been appointed Claim Agent of the Freight Department of the Union Pacific Railroad.

The following were at the Sherman, yesterday: John Bunday, Boston; Geo. M. Furguson, Dubuque, Iowa; J. Jonson, W. E. Curtis, Toledo; Allan Mason, Davenport; S. Hunt, Lexington, Ky.; W. D. Wood, Pittsburgh.

The following were at Anderson's European Hotel yesterday: J. S. Tryon, Bloomington; Howard Paine, New York; S. H. Thompson, Boston; J. L. Young, Galena; S. H. Booth, Columbus, Ohio.

The following were at the Tremont yesterday: T. D. Abbott, Vermont; George S. Sanford, Dubuque; V. R. Banyar, Bangor, Me.; A. S. Smith, Hartford; D. S. Dyson, Freeport; John L. Marshall, Philadelphia; P. S. Strawn, Buffalo.

The following are at the Gardner: James K. Moore and wife, Washington; Chas. W. Handy, New York; C. J. Taylor, Baltimore; W. Taylor, Philadelphia; B. L. Harden, St. Louis; W. D. Crane, New York; T. D. Robertson, Edinburgh; E. P. Ellis, W. B. Hibbard and wife, Milwaukee; N. Lane, Oshkosh; E. D. Smith, Menasha.

The following were at the Briggs yesterday: A. L. Murdock, Boston; T. C. Cheesbrough, Philadelphia; H. J. Ball, G. L. Tremaine, Council Bluffs, Iowa; J. H. Charles, Ed. Cummings, Sioux City; J. W. Striker, Port Gibson, Miss.; Chas. Bridge, Albany; L. C. Field, J. Moran, Galesburg; R. F. Bridges, Jr., Dorchield, Mass.; H. Fifield, Barry, Vt.

W. A. Carpenter, Esq., formerly of Council Bluffs, has been appointed an Assistant General Freight Agent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and will have charge of all business of the Western department, which includes the Galena and Iowa Divisions. Office in Chicago. Mr. C. M. Wicker, holding the same office, will have charge of the department of the Northwest, which includes the Wisconsin, Madison, Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Peninsula Divisions. Office in Chicago as heretofore.

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PHILADELPHIA, July 24, 1871.

MESSRS. DR. SCHENCK & SONS: Gentlemen: In the early part of the past month (June) I returned to my home in the latter portion of the day, wearied, heated, and exhausted. Sat down to cool and rest myself in my garden, and, unfortunately, in a draft of air. The consequence was an acute attack of Pneumonia. My lungs became more affected. The coughing, which was incessant, produced much inconvenience. Considerable spitting of blood also manifested itself. After a continuous suffering for eight or ten days, I was induced to try your Pulmonic Syrup. The effects were truly miraculous, and almost marvelous. In but a few hours I experienced great relief from pain, the discharge of blood ceased, and the irritating cough was abated. An overall effect followed the space of but a few weeks, and I am restored to almost its original healthy condition. I cannot more strongly express my gratification than to return thanks to you for such a boon as the Pulmonic Syrup. Respectfully, SAMUEL JONES.

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[To be continued.]

The Chicago Tribune.

Wednesday Morning, January 15, 1873.

Pertect motion for further delay in his trial has been denied, and his second trial has begun at Joliet, there it was taken on a change of venue.

By a vote of 11 to 1, the Board of Education have instructed their attorney to sue Mr. J. Y. Scammon for the $32,000 of the School Fund in his hands.

Memorials signed by soldiers were presented to the Senate, yesterday, begging that body to pass the Bounty Land bill. The Senators who introduced these petitions accompanied them with the statement that the bill would give away $20,000,000 acres of land.

The Erie Directors, in order to get funds for laying a double track and a third rail, to adapt their gauge to that of other roads, have authorized a new mortgage of $10,000,000, to be negotiated by the issue of bonds bearing 7 per cent interest in gold, and convertible only at par.

A strike is threatened by the coal miners of Ohio, which may close all the mines of that State. Their employers have given notice that wages are to be reduced 20 cents a ton; but the miners refuse to yield more than 10, and will strike Monday next if their terms are not accepted.

The Chicago *Times* seems to be endeavoring to elevate the character of Leo Canman, the prisoner recently found guilty of robbing the mail, by representing him as a TRIBUNE reporter. Mr. Canman was once or twice employed by us to report German speeches. That is the extent of his connection with THE TRIBUNE.

Pinchback has been elected United States Senator by the Kellogg Legislature. The Fusionist Legislature have chosen General W. McMullen United States Senator to fill Kellogg's unexpired term. No result was reached in the balloting for the long term Senatorship, in which Warmoth received a number of votes, but not enough for an election.

Mr. Garfield says he first heard of the Credit Mobilier from George Francis Train, who asked him to subscribe for stock. This he did not do, and he is so fortunate as to be able to say that he "never owned, received, or agreed to receive, any stock of the Credit Mobilier or of the Union Pacific Railroad, nor any dividends or profits accruing from them."

The Senate has passed the College Land Endowment bill. This bill gives 150,000 acres of the public land to each State and Territory which establishes agricultural or industrial schools in compliance with its provisions. In the debate it was stated that it would give away $34,000,000 worth of land, and that it gave as much to a Territory like Arizona, with its few thousands of population, as to New York or Ohio, with their millions.

Mr. Ham, the Treasurer of the Credit Mobilier, brought some of its books before the Committee yesterday, and stated that others were on the way. The stock transfer book, he said, "had disappeared;" how, when, or where he did not know. The books examined yesterday show the names of Congressmen Hooper, Boyer, of Pennsylvania, Grimes, and Allen, as original subscribers.

As announced elsewhere in this issue the wife of the Editor-in-Chief of THE TRIBUNE died, yesterday, at Wurzburg, Germany after an absence of eight months as a health-seeker abroad. The intelligence has startling suddenness, recent letters having brought encouraging reports of her improvement, and it had been hoped that her recovery and return were not far distant. The news will sadden many hearts among the acquaintances of deceased, and the even wider circle of sympathizers with one to whom the blow comes most near.

Mr. Brooks' request that he might have the records of the War Department brought before the Credit Mobilier Committee, to show that O'Comb was a bad character, has been denied by the Chairman, who considers that line of evidence foreign to the inquiry in hand. In the testimony of the Assistant Treasurer of the Credit Mobilier all the details are given of the manner in which Mr. Brooks "did the business" for his son-in-law. He made the purchases and payments in person, giving his own notes and checks, the amount and dates of which the Treasurer has copied from his books.

The House, in Committee of the Whole, debated and voted yesterday, upon the question of paying the Pacific Railroads for transportation on account of the United States, in a temper very different from that displayed when it sided with the Companies in their controversy with Secretary Boutwell on the same subject. Mr. Hibbard's amendment to the Appropriation bill, repealing the act of March 3, 1871, was passed without a division. If this action is sanctioned, the effect will be to withhold from the Companies any of their earnings from the Government while in arrears to the Government for interest on their bonds.

Senator Logan rather went out of his way, a day or two ago, in Congress, in rising to a personal explanation touching an article the Senator alleged to have been published in THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE of July 12, last, charging him with having secured the appointment of a relative to distribute paymenia to the Teton Sioux in the distribution of which there had been a misappropriation. No such charge originated in THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE. An article to this effect was copied into THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE from the New York *World*, as it was into numerous other papers of the country, and was subsequently corrected. We have no reason to believe Senator Logan guilty of any such offence, and the Senator is mistaken in supposing (if he does so suppose) that THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE ever invented any such charge.

Considerable local interest attached to the act which recently passed the Massachusetts Legislature, giving authority to the City of Boston to loan money to parties to rebuild on the burnt districts, as, prior to the passage of the act, it was made the subject of correspondence between Mayor Medill and the Boston authorities. The next chapter in the history of the measure is a movement to get out an injunction against the city to prevent it from loaning money—upon the ground that the act granting the authority is unconstitutional. As the demand for the loan thus far, however, does not indicate any anxiety to procure money through that medium, the necessity for an injunction does not seem very pressing, while, on the other hand, the fact that money can be procured at 7 per cent is having a perceptible effect upon the loan market in checking high rates.

Louis V. Bogy, of St. Louis, elected United States Senator, vice Frank Blair, is a hard-shell Democrat, of Southern proclivities at the outbreak of the war, but he gave only his sympathies to that side, and continued, as now, prominently in the active business life of his city. He was the straight-out Democratic candidate for Congress in 1862, and so far held the party vote against the inroads of Frank Blair that Blair was beaten by Samuel Knox, who carried the contest into Congress and got the seat. He was also the straight-out candidate in 1852, when Thomas H. Benton, making a fight of his own, was elected to the Lower House. In his card, some weeks ago, offering himself as a candidate, Mr. Bogy called attention to his unrequited services in these and other years as leader of a forlorn hope, and he urged that his solicitude for Democratic integrity entitled him to consideration now, even at the hands of Liberals. Mr. Bogy is of advanced years,—we think over 60. He was once Mayor of St. Louis, before the war, and was for a time Commissioner of Indian Affairs under President Johnson.

Mr. Dawes' testimony before the Credit Mobilier Committee shows that he bought ten shares of stock from Ames, received one dividend of 35 per cent, and sold the stock back to Ames upon learning that Duff Green had commenced a lawsuit against the Company. In settling up with Ames he allowed the dividend to be counted so that he only got back his original $1,000 and 10 per cent interest. It does not seem to have occurred to Mr. Dawes that there was any impropriety in his holding the stock until the scandal arose during the last political campaign. The impropriety was then revealed to him so strongly that he denied virtually the whole story, though the form of words which he employed might be technically true. Mr. Dawes has stood as high in the estimation of the country as any public man these many years. His connection with Credit Mobilier was certainly very slight. If he had told the whole truth when he first delivered himself on the subject, he would certainly stand in better shape now. It all seems to vindicate the old apostolic maxim, "Avoid the very appearance of evil."

The Chicago produce markets were generally weak yesterday, but more active. Mess pork was active and 20@25c lower, closing at $11.45@11.50 cash, and $11.85@11.90 seller March. Lard was active and 5c ₩ 100 lbs lower, closing at $7.05@7.10 cash, and $7.35@7.37½ seller March. Meats were very active, and ¾c ₩ lb lower, at 6¾c for shoulders, 8¾@8¾c for short ribs, 9c for short clear, and 7¼@7½c for green hams of medium weights. Dressed hogs were dull and 15c ₩ 100 lbs lower, at $4.35@4.40. Highwines were quiet and steady, at 89c ₩ gallon. Flour was more active, and steady. Wheat was moderately active, and ¼@¾c lower, closing at $1.20¼ cash, and $1.21¾ seller February. Corn was dull, and ½c lower, closing at 30¾c cash, and 30¾c seller February. Oats were quiet and firm at 25½@25¾c cash, and 25¾@25¾c seller February. Rye was quiet and steady at 67c. Barley was more active, and advanced 1c, closing at 67½c for No. 2; 68¾@69c for seller February, and 67½c for No. 3. The hog market was active, but again lower, prices declining 15@20c, or to $3.50@3.75. The receipts were the largest ever known, reaching about 47,000. The cattle market was dull and nominally lower. Sheep were in light supply and firmer. The stocks of grain in this city are: 1,283,149 bu wheat; 2,206,226 bu corn; 957,601 bu oats; 229,931 bu rye; and 341,272 bu barley.

The despatch printed in our last issue, stating, upon the authority of a railroad man, that an agent of Jay Gould is in Springfield, to secure legislation regarding the mode of electing railroad Directors in this State, we have reason to believe has a basis of truth. Jay Gould and his clique, in the late corner against Daniel Drew, got control of a majority of the common stock of the Northwestern Road, and their plans now are evidently to change the legislation of this State so as to get immediate control of the road. The Classification act of this State provides that railroad companies may elect Directors for one, two, and three years. The Northwestern Company accepted this provision as a rule of their management. As it was not retroactive in their case, it was a perfectly fair and straightforward transaction. The operation of this law is opposed to the schemes of just such speculators as Jay Gould. It makes railroad management more stable, and it prevents cliques from getting possession of a road for one election, holding it for a year, fleecing it, and then retiring. It is a sufficient reason why Jay Gould and his sort should want the law changed, and the latter fact is also a sufficient reason why the Legislature should refuse to change it. The law is a good one as it stands. The people of this State want no Jay Goulds or Jay Gould operations here, and they want no Jay Gould lobby agents at the State Capital. The people will, therefore, look with extreme suspicion upon any member of the Legislature who votes to change the law in the interests of New York speculators and sharpers.

RECIPROCAL TRADE WITH CANADA.

The offer is virtually, though not formally, made to us by the people of Canada to extend the navigation of the lakes for steamers and sail vessels of large size to Montreal, free of cost to the United States. In return, they ask reciprocal trade with the United States. Reciprocity with Canada is not an untried experiment. In 1854, a treaty was made by which that sort of trade was established. A list of certain articles of the growth and production of each country was made out, and it was agreed that these articles should be admitted free of duty into each country. That treaty was carried out to the mutual advantage and benefit of both countries, not only in the profits of untaxed exchange of commodities, but by drawing the two peoples closer together in those bonds of friendship and mutual interest which are produced by commercial intercourse. To many sections of this country the treaty was a great blessing, as it was undoubtedly to Canada. Under this treaty, Canada sent into the United States lumber, barley, fish, worsted wools, bituminous coals, fresh meats, vegetables, winter wheat, oils, and salt. In return, we sent them a large variety of our productions. Nova Scotia sent down to Boston annually large consignments of coal, and fish, and fish oils, and the vessels carried back with them flour, and bacon, cotton goods, and boots and shoes. Into certain parts of Canada we sent butter and eggs, and flour, and other parts of Canada sent into other parts of the United States precisely the same class of articles; the mutual advantage being in the great saving of transportation by facilitating exchanges between neighborhoods.

When the war broke out in 1861, the people of Canada were quite as decidedly in favor of the North as our own people were. Volunteers came over the border to fight our battles, and capital came hither to be invested in our bonds. The Canadians, however, were compelled, as neutrals, to shelter the agents of the Confederates, and eventually public sentiment there followed that of Great Britain. The result was, that the St. Albans raids, the Coursol decision, the blockade-runners, Mason and Slidell, the Alabama, Shonandoah, Vallandigham, Breckinridge, and the Canadians all, got confused together in the public mind, and the Canadians were pronounced our enemies. Loyalty demanded the repeal of the treaty, and it was repealed upon grounds purely political.

The repeal of the treaty was injurious to Canada, but it was equally so to the United States. That this effect was more visible in Canada than here was because it was there concentrated in a small space, while in the United States it was diffused over a much larger area. In California, Oregon, Texas, Florida, and Louisiana, the effect of the repeal was not seen or felt; but in the State of New York, in New England, and in the Western States, it was felt seriously. The theory that, as there are but four millions of people in Canada and forty millions in the United States, we would buy more than we would sell, is subject to the other rule, that we would neither buy or sell unless to do so were profitable. Relative population has nothing to do with the matter. If four millions of our people wish to trade with four millions of Canada, let them do so; if the trade be profitable for the four millions, it must be profitable generally to the whole forty millions.

One objection to reciprocity is, that if it be refused, the Canadian Provinces will be compelled to seek annexation as a commercial necessity. This is a mistake. The repeal of the treaty has had the effect to nationalize the British Provinces. Prior to 1864, they were strangers to each other, having no community of interest, and being widely separated in territory. There was no link connecting them save a common dependency on Great Britain. The repeal of the treaty, in 1864, by forcing them to trade with each other, forced them into a federation, in which they formed a national government, with general laws, in which the local interests of all were bound together. If a political union with Canada is wanted, hostile legislation on our part can only serve to postpone it. There can never be annexation until there is hearty friendship between the two people; and this friendship can best be established through the agency of close commercial intercourse. Trade will always follow those channels where it is least obstructed. There are no obstructions to the trade between the Dominion and the United States save what is offered by the Custom Houses. Let these be removed, and our people left free to take their produces into the Provinces and bring back what they need, and we shall secure not only all the immediate benefits of an enlarged trade, and the priceless advantages of a great water course, but bind to ourselves in the enduring bonds of friendly intercourse the people of these colonies. Their interests will become ours; our prosperity will become theirs; and practically, if not in name, they will be members of the common family.

WHAT "CREDIT MOBILIER" MEANS.

A correspondent asks the meaning of the words "Credit Mobilier." (Several Congressmen have asked the same question.) We presume he wishes to be informed concerning the original derivation and use of the term. We will endeavor to explain it. The "Credit Foncier" has long been the general title in France for associations that advance money on landed or *immovable* securities. The "Credit Mobilier" was the name given to a powerful corporation, organized in France in 1852, for advancing money on *movable* property. The name was adopted evidently with the purpose of affording a ready definition of the object of the association. The "Societe Generale de Credit Mobilier" became a great and profitable enterprise. It had special privileges under its charter. It assisted materially in the construction of railways and the promotion of mining schemes. Among other enterprises in which it was notably interested were the Government loan on account of the Russian war, the Grand Central Railway Company, and the General Omnibus Company of Paris. At one time, it advanced 250,000,000 francs, and at another time 375,000,000 francs, to the French Government. Its business was so great in 1855 that it declared a dividend of 40 per cent on its capital. While it was manifestly the means of doing much good in France, it eventually failed.

The introduction of the terms "Credit Foncier" and "Credit Mobilier" into America are due to Mr. George Francis Train. He established a "Credit Foncier" with Omaha lands, which he hawked about the country some years ago. He gave the name of "Credit Mobilier of America" to a corporation with universal privileges which was organized in Pennsylvania. It was appropriated by Messrs. Oakes Ames, Durant & Co., to serve as the party of the third part in the famous "triplicate agreement," by which the managers of the Union Pacific Railroad let out the contract for building the road to themselves, in payment for which they modestly took the road itself, all the United States bonds, all the first mortgage bonds, all the United States lands, etc., at a profit of over 1,000 per cent, on an entirely fictitious capital. This is what "Credit Mobilier" means, in the modern American and Congressional use of the word. The title is not inappropriate. The transaction was literally a Credit on Movables,—the United States Government furnishing the credit and the money, and Messrs. Oakes Ames & Co. taking the movables,—that is, the securities and the profits.

THE CALDWELL INVESTIGATION.

The Caldwell bribery investigation, now pending before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, brings up afresh the report of the Joint Committee of the Kansas Legislature made about a year ago on the subject of the corrupt practices attending the election of Mr. Caldwell to the Senate in 1871, and upon which the present Senatorial investigation is based. The allegations of corruption made in that report are fully substantiated by the evidence already taken. The only difference between them is that the evidence gives in the details of specific acts which were stated generally in the Legislative Report. The Report stated the broad fact that at the election both of Pomeroy and Caldwell a large sum of money was used and attempted to be used in bribing members of the Legislature to vote for them. With reference to Caldwell, who is alone directly affected by the pending investigation, the Legislative Report alleged substantially that Mr. Caldwell, in the canvass, had, among other friends, Len T. Smith, James L. McDowell, and Thomas Carney; that Caldwell promised McDowell the Leavenworth Post Office, then held by a soldier's widow; that Smith gave Carney a check for $7,000 two days before the election, and that a draft of $10,000 on the Kansas Pacific Railway Company was cashed about the same time. The report further alleged that Caldwell claimed the Company promised to give him $30,000 as its share towards the expenses of his election, as a bonus for his influence as Senator, and that Caldwell importuned the Company for this money, and, after considerable trouble, obtained it, and expended it on the Legislature; that Smith alone paid out $20,000 to members of the Legislature, upon the promise that it should be refunded to him by Caldwell; that Caldwell promised Federal appointments, right and left, and, after his election, declared that it had cost him $60,000; and that he offered to pay Clark's expenses, in case Clark would withdraw. Upon this general showing, the Legislative Committee framed its indictment, declaring that "Alexander Caldwell used bribery and other corrupt and criminal means, by himself and his friends, with his full knowledge and consent, to secure his election in 1871 to the United States Senate."

This report was submitted last February, and, meanwhile, nearly a year has elapsed before the accused party is brought to trial. The time has been improved by Caldwell and his friends in staving off its presentation to the Senate, and consequent action upon it, and trying to blunt its force by every artifice known to corrupt politicians; but justice, although it has operated very slowly, is none the less complete, and the truth of the revelations made by the Legislative Committee has been completely vindicated already. The general allegations of corruption made in that Report are given in detail in the evidence before the Senatorial Committee. We are now informed not only that a gross sum of money was expended upon the Legislature to secure Caldwell's election, but we learn also how much was given to each member, who got the money, and this, with so much definiteness, that it is not difficult to establish a regular market price of the cost of members of the Kansas Legislature, when a Senatorial election is up for sale. The testimony of Judge Spriggs, formerly State Treasurer of Kansas, shows that the prices of members ranged all the way from $500 to $2,000, according to their respective degree of cupidity. Some men sold their votes for a mere mess of pottage, but the most of them would scorn to deliver their votes for less than $1,000 per capita. Sometimes a member would ask the outside price of $5,000, but a champagne supper and a little moral suasion always brought him down to reasonable terms. There were some high-toned individuals, who would not sell their votes outright for money, but had no scruples to accept wine suppers and other little considerations of a festive nature. One friend of Caldwell's went into a speculation to buy votes for $1,700 each, that is, he was to have $1,700 for each vote he bought, and might make all the profit he could. He made a very good thing out of it, as at one time he had thirteen members for sale. The allegations in the Legislative Report, that the Kansas Pacific Railroad Company had used money to secure Caldwell's election, are confirmed by the testimony of T. J. Anderson, the agent of the Company, who admitted the fact before the Committee.

The allegations of bribery contained in the indictment are fully sustained, and the testimony show that politics in Kansas are rotten to the core. Even the most corrupt carpet-baggers in the South are quite outdone, and can show no such disgraceful record as that which attended the elections of Pomeroy in 1867 and Caldwell in 1871. The country will now wait with some impatience to see whether the Senate will vindicate its reputation, with so clear a case of corruption before it, by expelling the guilty parties from their seats. There is no better time for action upon these bribery cases, whether they involve elections, Credit Mobilier, or what not, than now. The public is in the right temper to see a few examples made, and it will be a good commencement when Mr. Caldwell leaves the Senate, in which he bought his seat, and Mr. Oakes Ames leaves the House, in which he practised and attempted to practise bribery upon his fellow-members—each in disgrace. Any other issue to these investigations will be an admission that Congress winks at corruption, and has not the moral courage to punish it. There is no member of Congress who can go before his constituents after voting to acquit such men without raising a suspicion that his own skirts are not altogether clear of offence.

NOTES AND OPINION.

The nomination of Louis V. Bogy, of St. Louis, for United States Senator, in the Liberal-Democratic caucus at Jefferson City, Monday, was accomplished on the seventeenth ballot, under the operation of a rule which, by dropping the lowest on each successive ballot after the tenth, narrowed the choice to this final conclusion: Bogy, 64; Blair, 47. The fifteenth ballot stood: Bogy, 35; Blair, 32; John S. Phelps, 31; George C. Vest, 15. This was the last of Colonel Vest, and Phelps went out in the next round. The tenth ballot, being the first on Monday and the final entry for candidates, stood: Blair, 39; Phelps, 33; Bogy, 22; Anderson, 13; Vest, 7; Napton, 4; Cockerell, 4; Brodhead, 4; Slayback, 2; Craig, 2; Edwards, 2; Reynolds, 1; Woodson, 1. Then began the sifting, with the result above stated. It is perhaps worth mentioning, just here, that the St. Louis *Democrat*, Monday morning, was very positive Colonel Bogy had played his hand out; while the *Republican* confessed that Bogy had "developed a strength that he had not been credited with."

—The Republican minority in the Missouri Legislature nominated John B. Henderson for Senator, but, as they could give him no more than 45 votes against 119 for Bogy, they recommend Mr. Henderson to President Grant for a seat in the Cabinet.

—It is promised that the Republicans will now behave themselves in the Alabama Legislature, and it is conceded that a Republican must be elected to the United States Senate, vice Spencer. But the strength of parties is so balanced that the Democrats may name the man (of course a Republican), and this inspires both parties to a jealous search for the best man. It will be strange, indeed, if the choice of a Republican Senator by Alabama should this year be almost the only one such choice unpurchased by money or other corrupt consideration.

—There is a report from Washington that Judge Richard Busteed, of the United States District Court in Alabama, and Judge Daniel C. Humphreys, of the Supreme Court in the District of Columbia, are to exchange places by resignation and Executive reappointment. This would restore both gentlemen to a more congenial atmosphere, and, besides, be $500 a year in Dick Busteed's pocket.

—The official count in the Fourth District of Georgia gave Harris 1,853 votes over Bethune, who now gives official notice of an appeal to Congress, claiming the "intimidation" of his supporters.

—The Pennsylvania Legislature, which Mr. Speaker Elliott says is a Republican, not a Reform body, employs some three score of "pasters and folders," at $600 each for the session. These "pasters and folders" are known in the walks of life as Honorables, Colonels, Majors, Captains, Esquires, and High Privates, and are all eminent for loyalty. The pasting and folding is done, whenever any is to be done, by street boys, glad to earn a shilling.

—Secretary James, while acting as Governor of Nebraska, pardoned every third man under sentence, to the number of twenty-seven.

—At the risk of advertising an error in order to correct it, we quote from the Chicago *Evening Journal* of yesterday:

> General Frank P. Blair, Jr., who, coming home after the war of the rebellion very "sore-headed," at once deserted to the political enemy, was elected United States Senator by the Democratic Legislature of Missouri six years ago, in Gratz Brown's place, has now been repudiated.

Frank Blair was elected Senator two years ago for the unexpired term of Charles D. Drake; and senility itself might remember that General Blair got "sore-headed" long enough before "coming home after the war of the rebellion."

—The late but never-retiring Governor of Kansas, James M. Harvey, has made considerable echo as a claimant of Pomeroy's seat in the Senate, but, sooner than have him, the Leavenworth *Times* would prefer to have no Senator at all. A good many other people are beginning to entertain that preference on general principles.

—The Des Moines *Register*, having kindly inquired for Grinnell, Fitz-Henry Warren, and others, with the remark that "of their existence in the canvass, the November epizootic seems to have left not an echo even;" the Iowa City *Press* answers, and wants to know about Rankin, Betzer, Colonel Viall, and others, who, it says, "have left a good deal of echo, but not much cash."

—More vexation of spirit for our good Mr. George W. Curtis. The St. Louis *Globe* has come to the reinforcement of the Chicago *Daily Jonathan Young Scammon*, and both papers are now firing two-column editorials into his reform. The *Globe* closes a recent one as follows:

> "Triumphant as man seldom has been before, the President can well afford to throw off these new-fangled restrictions thrust upon him by pseudo-reformers and sentimental statesmanship, and follow what the people have learned to trust—the dictates of his own conscience and the conclusions of his own reason."

—Amos S. Treat, of Litchfield County, is named as a possible Republican candidate for Congress in the Fourth Connecticut District, though the friends of Colonel H. W. B. Hoyt, of Fairfield County, will press him for it. Should William H. Barnum decline the Democratic nomination, James H. Olmstead, of Stamford, is suggested.

—The fact stands out as perhaps the blackest stigma upon our reputation that there are States in which neither intellect, nor public service, nor large experience in statesmanship, nor high personal morality, nor unchallenged integrity—even if all these virtues were combined in a single individual—could prevail against a rich man, who, confessedly possessing no one of these qualities, can walk into our legislative halls and buy himself a seat in the Senate of the United States. Everybody knows where this unblushing and organized corruption began, but who shall tell where and how it is to end?—*Forney's Press.*

The recent canvass is having sequels; here is one of them. Mr. James H. Brown, of Philadelphia, runs with the machine. He is truly loyal, but he has the bad habit of forgetting his name and residence on election day. Last October, after voting in his own ward, he strolled over into another and undertook to vote there as J. H. Hood, of 917 Chestnut street. He was challenged by the Democratic Inspector, who knew Hood personally, and also knew Brown. He thereupon swore in his vote without winking, the truly loyal Election-Judge poked it into the box, and Brown, *alias* Hood, jumped into a carriage and drove away. The Inspector subsequently procured his arrest; he was tried, convicted, and sentenced to 18 months of State Prison. This last event happened Dec. 14. Jan. 3, President Grant pardoned Mr. Brown out, and he is now at liberty.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

A correspondent thinks that a great deal of annoyance would be prevented pedestrians if the owners of grates would keep them closed.

A meeting of the Committees from the various wards, appointed at the Irish mass meeting on Sunday last, will be held this evening, at Burke's Hotel. A full attendance is requested.

Rev. Mr. Kinman is conducting a revival meeting at No. 49 North Morgan street, and is reported to be meeting with great success in the conversion of sinners.

The Sanitary Superintendent reports 163 deaths during the week ending Jan. 11, an increase of three over the previous week. Of these, consumption carried off 14; convulsions, 25; fevers, 15; small-pox, 20; and pneumonia, 12.

The sale of pews in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, situated at the corner of Rush and Superior streets, will take place on Saturday evening at the Clarendon House. At the close of the sale a social reunion of the old and new members will be held, Dr. Swing, the pastor, presiding.

We understand that cars are being built for mail trains between New York and Chicago, to consist of three cars and a locomotive. The trains are expected to make the distance between the two cities in twenty-four hours, running at the rate of about forty miles an hour.

The Kennicott Shooting Club, at its meeting last evening, elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Abner Price; Vice President, David Baker; Secretary, Joel Kinney; Treasurer, C. Stephens Squiers; Board of Managers, S. W. Eggleston, Matt. Benner, and Alex. Price.

The Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad Company are making rapid headway in laying their track on Halsted street. They have met with considerable opposition, and are threatened with numerous lawsuits. These they treat as efforts to blackmail, and proceed with their work, determined to complete it.

A South Water street merchant, who has been frequently asked by his neighbors the best method of employing first-class travelling salesmen, replies, through THE TRIBUNE, as follows: "I have invariably found my best salesmen through advertisements, as the best class of men seem timid about at first calling in person and asking for employment. They prefer making acquaintance through the papers."

An astronomical class will be organized this evening in the rooms of the West Side Christian Union, under the direction of Prof. Colbert. The class will be free to all members of the Union, and ladies and gentlemen who are not members are invited to attend this evening at 8 o'clock, when Mr. C. will deliver a preliminary lecture, sketching the scope of modern astronomical study, and its connection with the other physical sciences.

The Irish citizens of the southern and southwestern portions of the city will hold a mass meeting, in aid of the Tipperary movement, at Corpery's Hall, corner of Archer avenue and Lime street, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 19, at half-past 2 o'clock. The meeting will be addressed by Thomas F. O'Connor, of Tipperary, Commissioner Sheridan, John F. Finerty, A. L. Morrison, and others.

Yesterday one of the Central Station officers arrested a young man from Wisconsin, who ran away from his home, taking with him several thousand dollars' worth of family diamonds. There was no authority whatever for his apprehension, but the officer being personally acquainted with him, and knowing the circumstances of the case, thought it best to put a stop to his criminal career, and save him from exposure and punishment by placing him in communication with his relatives, who will be only too glad to forgive and forget his foolish act. His name is withheld, as there will be no prosecution.

The little building constructed of tubular plaster castings, which fronts the City Hall, on LaSalle street, was subjected to another test yesterday for the benefit of the Mayor and other municipal officers, who were desirous of witnessing the effect water and fire would have upon Cowper's invention. During the exhibition a member of the colored fire company was severely scalded in the face by the steam generated by the contact of water with the hot castings, and the Second Assistant Fire Marshal, who weighs about 300 pounds, went through the roof in the laudable endeavor to show his Honor that it was perfectly safe. The Mayor returned to his office with the conviction that Mr. Petrie had labored under a hallucination.

Mr. Woodbury's "Story of The Book," delivered last evening in the Thirty-first Street Presbyterian Church, brought before the eye some of the most interesting changes of the book world during the last fourteen centuries. He showed on large cartoons, the curious pictures, ornaments, lettering, and portraits which characterize ancient Bibles from the deserts of Egypt, the headlands of Greece, the rugged mountains of Sinai, the plains of Lombardy, and the old monasteries of Ireland. His explanations gave in an easy manner the methods by which the age of manuscripts is known, their materials, forms, style of writing, &c. The lecture was interspersed with stories of the curious adventures of Oriental travellers in their search after manuscripts, and gave one a new conception of the wonderful permanence often pertaining to things as perishable as books. The theme, thus handled, becomes very attractive, not only to those of scholarly tastes, but to all who have any interest in the startling changes of history and the growths and revolutions of the book-world.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ORATORIO CONCERT.

The Chicago Oratorio Society, established as the successor of the well-known Musical Union, has, during the six years of its existence, labored diligently and earnestly to popularize the greatest works of the best writers. It has, with great expense and labor, produced, in superb style, the "Messiah" and "Judas Maccabæus," of Handel, the "Creation," by Haydn, and "Elijah" and the 95th and 102d Psalms, by Mendelssohn. It has enabled the people of Chicago to hear in oratorio, Parepa, the grandest of oratorio singers, and also Christine Nilsson, a pleasure which few cities in this country have enjoyed. Not satisfied, however, with obtaining the services of these great artists for the solos, it has made its performances complete and symmetrical by its rendering of the grand choruses. Oratorio has rarely been given in this country more satisfactorily than under the auspices of the Society. But perhaps the most valuable result of its labors is the training of hundreds of singers to the performance of the highest class of sacred music. This Society, whose career had been so successful and productive of so much good, had in rehearsal at the time of the fire, and nearly ready for production, Sir Michael Costa's oratorio of "Eli." It lost its piano, its hall, and its valuable library of musical works, and was left not only without possessions, but also without resources. But for the devotion and earnestness of some of its members it must have abandoned the struggle for existence. They propose to give at some future time the oratorio of "Naaman," also by Costa, with a completeness never yet attained in this country. But it is an unfortunate fact that hitherto the production of oratorio in a proper manner has often occasioned loss to the Society rather than profit. Therefore, they cannot venture on any new attempt in this line until the Society is placed on a secure financial basis. To accomplish so desirable a result, they have projected a novel and attractive entertainment for this winter. They propose to give three lectures on musical subjects, by three of the most prominent clergymen of this city. And, to add to the interest, they will, on the occasion of each lecture, give a musical entertainment by the best amateur musical talent. The first of these entertainments takes place to-morrow evening, and will be seen by reference to the advertisement elsewhere. Members of the Society are notified that the final rehearsal will be held this evening in the Congregational Church, corner of Ann and Washington streets, at the usual hour. A prompt attendance is requested.

THE OPERA BOUFFE SEASON

will commence at Aiken's Theatre on Monday next, and seats are now for sale at the box office of the theatre. The troupe with Aimee at its head is undoubtedly the best which has ever been here, not even excepting the Foster troupe which Bateman brought. It numbers sixty-five people, and promises to perform opera bouff

...ow for sale at the box office ...e troupe with Aimee at its ...ly the best which has ever ...xcepting the Foster troupe ...ught. It numbers sixty-five ...e to perform opera bouffe in ...nexcelled. ...

...RY OF MUSIC. ...began an engagement at the ...on Monday, a good audience ... Mr. Collins is an Irish ...d old school, and an admira- ...represented by him. He owes ...pe of Irish character, full of ...with occasional touches of ...thoroughly artistic imper- ...ne singer as well, and ren- ...Erin with neatness and finish ...tion and dramatic effect. His ...ies of *Myles na Coppaleen*, in ...n," and *Feliz O'Callaghan*, in ...is exceedingly clever, and is ...by his auditors. The former ...cast. Messrs. Nobles, Maynard, ... and Mrs. Carhart, and Misses ...Wilson, and Morgan, all sus- ...acceptably. For this evening ...Rory O'Mora" will be given, ...as *Rory*. At this afternoon's ...Colleen Bawn" and "His Last ...y evening "Paul Clifford" is ...

...KEN'S THEATRE. ...ntor continues at Aiken's in ...drama of "The Red Pocket- ...ong plot, and novel and start- ... It will be withdrawn after ...ving place to "Nick of the ...oducing Mr. Proctor in his cele- ...*Ribbennaneasy*, on Thursday, ...day evenings, and at the Satur- ...

...CKER'S THEATRE. ...of last evening operated against ...McVicker's, but had no effect ...of the production of "Arrah- ..., with Mr. and Mrs. Boucicault ...hir. Alexander in the cast, and ...tage mountings, constitutes a ...drama *par excellence*.

...KEE'S OPERA HOUSE. ...f "Fate" at Hooley's improves ... a second performance, as the ...erfect in their memorizations ... new plays, it is susceptible of ...timination for the better, and ...eses are applied it should prove ...

...RS' OPERA HOUSE. ...that an accumulation of such ...ons are massed together in a ...performance as is the case with ...of this week at Myers' Opera ...ll fairly bubbles over with good ...cing Arlington, Cotton, Rice, ...e, Postelle, Mackin and Wilson, ..., *et al.*, in choice gems. It is an ...ot to be missed by lovers of fine ...

ALL STREET.

the Money, Bond, Gold, and Produce Markets.

...*spatch to The Chicago Tribune.*

Jan. 14.—Money was decidedly ... Early business on call was at 7 ...eclined in the afternoon to 4@6. ...ile paper is quoted at 8@12 per ...

...k notes are coming in quite freely ...or, and some of the banks are re- ...them on deposit. ...om Washington this afternoon re- ...sury currency balance at $3,000,- ... amount for a long time past.

STOCKS.

...arket was strong, with the princi- ... Erie, Western Union Telegraph, ... New York Central and Hudson ...ke Shore. Erie was made active ...the strength of the London mar- ...ators there fancying that they see ...dend in the near future. The rise ...ised by the clique, the members ...lled the advantages which would ...laying of a third rail. ...tion of railroad managers to in- ...securities of their companies ... received another striking ... The Erie Directors to-day ... new mortgage of $10,000,000 ...old convertible bonds, payable in ...n York, provided they shall sell ...der par in currency. The object ...ge is to double track, lay a third ...rwise equip the road. The bonds ...le into stock only at par. The ...erred the subject of a preferred ... Committee to ascertain if the same ...ect. This Committee will probably ...a week or two. ...rn Union Telegraph Company is ...educed schedule of rates, and it is ... the greatest reduction will be in ...distant points. It is reported that ...from various opposition telegraph ...sulting in this city in regard to a ...e combination with a view to re- ...rates, and presenting a stronger ... the Western Union Company. ... morning 60,000 shares of the new ...stock will be sold at the Exchange, ...present indications, it will bring ...

GOLD.

...ull and lower, ranging from 113¼@ ...ign exchange was weak, with noth- ...London market to change the condi- ...

BONDS.

...nt bonds were less active than for ...ast. Prices made a further slight ...in the day, but the market was ...e at the close. The largest trans- ...of the day, registered, which sold at ... To-morrow the Government will ...ort to purchase $1,000,000 worth of ...there is little probability of suc- ...

PRODUCE.

...ces strong but quiet for most grades. ...are firm; No. 2 and superior in ...demand. Wheat closed irreg- ...mmon spring heavy; choice ... winter firmer and scarce. ...nd nominal. Now mess is quoted at ...00. Cut meats fairly active for ...200 boxes dry-salted sold at 5c on spot. ...er weak, with large receipts of hogs ... boxes at 7c for city long clear, on ...7¾c for short clear for February. ...r showing weakness, reacted, and ... bid for Western on the spot. For ...ery early 500 tierces for March at ...0 tierces for January at 8c.

OVERDUE.

ertained of the Loss of the ... Tybee, and the Capitalists ...d in the Purchase of Samana

...*Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.*

...x, Jan. 14.—The steamer Tybee, ... from New York for San Domingo, ... with a party on board representing ...pitalists who had concluded to buy ... of Samana as a private investment, ...ns at this port, and serious fears ...ned that she has been lost. She was ... the island on Christmas Day, ...being engaged in making explora- ...y said they should sail for New York ...st., and were consequently due here ...

SAN FRANCISCO.

omise Offered on the Coal Question—Racing—Typhoid

...isco, Jan. 14.—The Board of Super- ...sors city adopted a resolution last night, ...willingness to grant Stanford & Co. ...se in Mission Bay as may be neces- ...r cars and ships together, provided ...y will withdraw their Goat Island ...ngress, and make Mission Bay their ...erminus. The resolution was passed ...ous vote.

...e present fair weather continues, the ...Loch race between Phil. Sheridan and ...a will come off next Saturday, at ...

...e the typhoid fever is so bad among ...the County Jail that the Sheriff has ...take away one hundred inmates, ...nitor offences, for the purpose of ... over-crowded condition of the ...checking the ravages of the dis- ...

mall-Pox Pestilence.

...*Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.*

...rn, Ind., Jan. 14.—In Springfield ...elve miles from this city, small-pox ...t among a colony, consisting prin- ...rmans and French, whose religious ...ot permit vaccination. The disease ...rapidly in consequence, and already ...have occurred. Neighboring towns ...made application to the County ...the closing of communication with ... by fencing them in.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Illinois General Assembly.

List of Standing Committees in the Senate and House.

Proposition to Hold a River Improvement Lobby in Washington.

State House Appropriation Bill Introduced in Both Houses.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 14.—Mr. Halpine introduced a resolution, to-day, to rescind the resolution empowering the Doorkeeper to supply whatever articles he deemed necessary for the comfort and convenience of members. Mr. Hay moved to refer to the Committee on Contingent Expenses, so that if there was any doubt as to the constitutionality of the original it could be settled. Mr. Oberly did not see the necessity of reference, as the power would still remain with the Doorkeeper to befriend the members. Mr. Hay, in reference to the evident wish of the House, withdrew the motion to refer, and the Doorkeeper was unanimously shorn of power that should never have been conferred upon him.

PARDONS.

Snow's bill regulating pardons provides that the application therefor shall be accompanied by the material points of the evidence certified to by the State's Attorney, and a certificate that printed notices of the application were posted in the county twenty days previous to its being made.

JUDICIAL.

Mr. Rountree introduced a bill amending an act passed last year by which Judge Porter's term, expiring by limitation in November next, was extended to 1874, Judge Gary's term from 1875 to 1876, and Judge Jameson's from 1877 to 1878. The extension of terms of office is manifestly unconstitutional, and the bill introduced is intended to rectify the mistake.

MINORITY REPRESENTATION.

Senator Canfield is preparing a Constitutional amendment abolishing minority representation.

SENATE BILLS.

The following were the important bills introduced in the Senate to-day: Senator Brown, giving Circuits the jurisdiction of all actions against any fire or life insurance company organized or doing business in this State.

Senator Patterson, authorizing the authorities of any city, incorporated town or village, to tax contiguous property for repairing sidewalks or pavements.

Senator Evarts, amending the revenue law so that the authorities of cities, towns, or villages shall certify to the County Clerk the amount they severally require, the charter not to limit the amount so certified, and the Clerk to determine the rate necessary to raise the certified amounts, which are not to exceed in all one-tenth of a mill on the proper valuation.

Senator Palmer, extending the collection of taxes to March 30.

Senator Jacobs, to remove all doubt as to the $200 jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

GOVERNOR PALMER'S MESSAGE.

There has been an evident disposition on the part of the majority to ignore Governor Palmer's message, and slight him by declining to read it. A motion to lay on the table without was first carried, and yesterday a motion was made to refer to a Committee to be appointed by the Speaker. The Committee had not been appointed when Mr. Quinn moved, to-day, that the message be read. The motion was then in order, but the Speaker immediately handed the clerk the list of the Committees, and expressed his doubt as to the motion to read being in order. Mr. Quinn insisted upon his motion, and the Speaker, disclaiming any intention to act disrespectfully towards the Governor, entertained the motion, which prevailed, 75 to 57. Mr. Roy, to defeat the reading, move to adjourn, but a majority of 104 to 25 refused, so the message was read. A resolution to print the message in a variety of languages was defeated by Mr. Wicker, who insisted that American citizens should be content with undefiled English.

THE STATE HOUSE BILL,

asking for half a million this year, and half a million next, was introduced to-day. It contains an emergency clause. A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL LANDS.

Senator Casey offered a resolution asking the Governor for information as to what steps had been taken to compel the Illinois Central Railroad to offer its unsold lands at public auction, so that they may be liable to taxation. It passed. He intends offering a joint resolution directing the Attorney General to take steps to compel such sale.

RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

Senator Burke introduced a resolution providing for a convention in Washington to act as a sort of outside pressure to force Congress to appropriate money for the improvement of Western rivers.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Mr. Collins' Contempt bill provides "that the liberty of speaking about the probable result of any case or cases, or of publishing in the newspapers as to what course may be pursued in any case or cases then pending in said courts shall, under no circumstances, be construed into contempt of court."

LAW TO PUNISH WIFE-BEATERS.

Mr. Quinn, of Peoria, will introduce a bill providing that wife-beaters shall be punishedby being publicly whipped on the bare back with an ordinary-sized rawhide, the number of lashes to vary from five to twenty-five, according to the enormity of the case.

PRINTING OF GOVERNOR PALMER'S MESSAGE.

The House ordered 2,000 copies of Governor Palmer's message to be printed in English, 5,000 in German, 2,000 in Norwegian, and 2,000 in Swedish. The Anglo-Saxon tongue is in the minority, and Celtic, Gaelic, and Sanscrit were entirely ignored; but that may be because the Constitution provides for printing in English only.

PERSONAL.

Ex-Speaker Smith occupied a seat beside his successor to-day.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Senate Committees have been agreed upon, and will be announced to-morrow:

Judiciary—Sanford, Chairman; Waite, Upton, Steele, Yaeger, Shepard, Henry, Dow, Donahue, Canfield, Casey, Brown, Archer, Murphy, and Lee.

Revision—Upton, Chairman; Palmer, Sanford, Jacobs, Hampton, Shepard, Lee, Youngblood, and Glenn.

Railroads—Donahue, Chairman; Yaeger, Sanford, Williamson, Whiting, Henry, Steele, Wilcox, Nicholson, Dow, Voris, Starne, Youngblood, Burke, and Cummings.

Warehouses—Williamson, Chairman; Dow, Whiting, Waite, Donahue, Streng, Green, Wilson, Baldwin, Steele, Voris, Cummings, Kehoe, Glenn, and Gundlach.

Finance—Short, Chairman; Patterson, Castle, Sheldon, Green, Warren, Glenn, and Hinchcliffe.

Appropriations—Sheppard, Chairman; Sheldon, Canfield, Palmer, Reynolds, Hampton, Patterson, Casey, Starne, Buck, Brown, and Casey.

Revenue—Burns, Chairman; Nicholsen, Ferrell, Reynolds, Short, Patterson, Warren, Glenn, and Ware.

Expenses of the General Assembly—Hampton, Chairman; Sheldon, Burns, Whiting, Palmer, Burke, and Gunlach.

Municipalities—Canfield, Chairman; Thompson, Yaeger, Burns, McGrath, Patterson, Kehoe, Brooks, and Burke.

Insurance—Reynolds, Chairman; Palmer, Yaeger, Wilcox, Strong, Crews, Handley, Gundlach, and Starne.

Corporations—Jacobs, Chairman; Strong, Waite, Williamson, Hampton, Shepard, Voris, Casey, and Gundlach.

Banks and Banking—Patterson, Chairman; Short, Castle, Brooks, and Glenn.

State Charitable Institutions—Wilcox, Chairman; Sheldon, Canfield, Reynolds, Castle, Whiting, Cusey, Baldwin, Thompson, Brown, Kehoe, Archer, and Hinchcliffe.

Penal Institutions—Henry, Chairman; Short, Williamson, Ferrel, Reynolds, Yaeger, Cunningham, Shepard, Cusey, Cummings, Voris, and Gundlach.

Reformatory Institutions—Yaeger, Chairman; Baldwin, Hampton, McGrath, Crews, Hundley, and Hinchcliffe.

Public Buildings and Grounds—Castle, Chairman; Nicholson, Strong, Sheldon, Ferrel, McGrath, Youngblood, Starne, and Hundley.

Education—Baldwin, Chairman; Castle, Reynolds, Whiting, Greene, Henry, Youngblood, Brooks, and Archer.

Canals and Rivers—Whiting, Chairman; Waite, Castle, Wilcox, Ferrel, Jacobs, Nicholson, Baldwin, Cummings, Cunningham, Brooks, Lee, Kehoe.

Judicial Circuits—Palmer, Chairman; Steele, Canfield, Hampton, Sheppard, Ferrel, Jacobs, Yaeger, Wilcox, Henry, Casey, Crews, Cunningham, Sanford, Brown, Casey, Cummings, Murphy, Youngblood, Archer, and Ware.

Agriculture and Drainage—Nicholson, Chairman; Whiting, Casey, Cunninghasd, Warren, and Gundlach.

Horticulture—Cunningham, Chairman; Crews, Green, Baldwin, Casey, Handley, and Ware.

Mines and Mining—Ferrel, Chairman; Green, Burns, Short, Wilcox, Nicholson, Starns, Hinchcliffe, and Murphy.

Manufactures—McGrath, Chairman; not filled up yet.

Counties and Township Organization—Waite, Chairman; not completed.

Fees and Salaries—Dow, Chairman; Thompson, Baldwin, Steele, Patterson, Cummings, and Burke.

Printing—Strong, Chairman; Hampton, Castle, Thompson, Cummings, Casey, and Glenn.

Military Affairs—Steele, Chairman; Thompson, Ferrel, Burke, and Casey.

Roads and Bridges—Casey, Chairman; Nicholson, Henry, Ferrel, Jacobs, Baldwin, Brooks, Gundlach, and Ware.

Elections—Thompson, Chairman; Strong, Dow, Canfield, McGrath, Jacobs, Brown, Casey, and Youngblood.

State Library—Crews, Chairman; Waite, Williamson, Lee, and Brooks.

Engrossed and Enrolled Bills—Yaeger, Chairman; McGrath, Steele, Brown, and Ware.

Geology and Science—Creeps, Chairman; Baldwin, Reynolds, Starns, and Murphy.

Miscellany—Hampton, Chairman; Palmer, Dow, Upton, Burke, Starne, and Glenn.

Federal Relations—Shaldon, Chairman; Burns, Ferrel, McGrath, Thompson, Archer, and Kehoe.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 14.

SENATE.

Met at 10 o'clock, Lieutenant Governor Beveridge in the chair. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Rutledge.

The reading of the journal was being proceeded with, when, on motion of Senator NICHOLSON, further reading was dispensed with.

JUDICIAL CIRCUITS.

Senator YOUNGBLOOD introduced a resolution in relation to the division of the State and Judicial Circuits. Adopted.

STATIONERY.

Senator FERRELL introduced a resolution providing for the supply of stationery to the Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk by the Secretary of State, subject to approval of the Committee on Contingent Expenses. Adopted.

NEW BILLS.

Senator PALMER presented a bill in relation to the collection of taxes, amendatory of Section 169, present statute. Ordered to a second reading.

By Senator EARLY—A bill for an act to authorize Boards of Supervisors to fix the salary of their clerks. Ordered to a second reading.

By Senator BROOKS—A bill for an act in relation to Grand and Petit Jurors. Ordered to a second reading.

By Senator BALDWIN—A bill for an act to reorganize the Illinois State Horticultural Society. Ordered to second reading.

Senator MILES offered a resolution reciting the illness of Senator Short, and moved that leave of absence be granted him. Leave of absence granted.

By Senator HENRY—A bill for an act in relation to judgments and mortgages. Ordered to second reading.

By Senator SHEPPARD—A bill in relation to chattel mortgages, amending Section 2 of Chapter 40, Revised Statutes. Ordered to second reading.

By Senator WAITE—A bill for an act to amend Section 122 of the new Revenue law. Ordered to second reading.

By Senator NICHOLSON—A bill for an act in relation to estrays. Ordered to second reading, and referred to the Committee on Revision.

By Senator PATTERSON—A bill for an act in relation to repairing sidewalks in cities, towns, and villages. Ordered to a second reading.

By Senator STEELE—A bill for an act to amend an act in relation to judgments and decrees, and to enforce the same. Ordered to a second reading.

By Senator HENRY—A bill for an act to amend Sec. 65, of an act entitled "Elections, etc." Ordered to a second reading.

By Senator BROWN—A bill for an act concerning the jurisdiction of Circuit Courts in increasing the same. Ordered to a second reading.

By Senator NICHOLSON—A bill for an act to amend an act in regard to highways and bridges. Ordered to a second reading.

By Senator ARCHER—A bill for an act to exempt certain personal property from execution. Ordered to a second reading.

GOVERNOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

Senator BURKE offered the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Senate, the House concurring herein, that His Excellency, the Governor, be and he is hereby requested to call a Convention, to meet in Washington, D. C., on the 10th day of February next, for the purpose of petitioning, urging, and pressing upon Congress the necessity, expediency, and propriety of making an appropriation of an amount sufficient to deepen and make navigable at all seasons when not obstructed by ice, the three great rivers of the West, viz: the Mississippi, Missouri, and Ohio, and that he address the Presidents of the Senate and Speakers of the House of Representatives of the Legislatures now in session, or States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and Louisiana, and also the Mayor and Common Council of the cities of St. Paul, Chicago, St. Louis, Cairo, Louisville, Cincinnati, Wheeling, Memphis, and New Orleans, requesting them and each of them to select and appoint a delegate to meet with ours, hereafter appointed, in said city, on the day above named, so that they by a united and concentrated action may urge upon and obtain from Congress an appropriation for such amounts as said delegates may, in their judgment, after having canvassed the same, deem necessary to carry the object of this resolution into effect, and that said delegates, after having been so appointed, and having so met, are hereby requested, and, as far as our own delegates are concerned, instructed to remain in Washington until the 4th day of March next, if necessary, to urge and obtain such appropriation, and to that end, to carry out the object contained in this resolution. Hon. Jas. Gillespie, of Madison County, and General Jas. W. Singleton, of Adams County, be, and they are hereby, appointed delegates on the part of the State of Illinois.

The resolution was amended by adding the Illinois River, and so amended adopted, ordered printed, and made the special order for Thursday, the 16th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

GOVERNOR'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

A written communication was received from the Governor, informing the Senate that he had appointed A. J. Pinkham, of Lee County, Private Secretary.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM.

On motion of Senator HAMPTON, the rules were suspended, and the Senate went into an election for President *pro tem.*, the vote resulting: For Senator Early, 30; Cummings, 13. Whereupon Senator Early was declared elected.

BILLS ON A SECOND READING.

The following bills passed a second reading, and were referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Senate Bill 17—A bill to amend an act entitled "Guardians and Wards."

Senate Bill 18—A bill for an act in relation to partition.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD LANDS.

Senator Casey offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to inform the Senate, as soon as may be convenient, what steps, if any, have been taken by the State Government to compel the Trustees of the Illinois Central Railroad Company to show cause why they should not offer the lands of said Company remaining unsold at public sale, as provided in Section 17 of the act incorporating said Company, and if any suit has been instituted for that purpose where the same is pending, and what is its present condition.

ADJOURNED.

On motion of Senator YOUNGBLOOD, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow (Wednesday), at 2 o'clock p. m.

HOUSE.

Called to order at 10:10 a. m. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burroughs.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The SPEAKER announced the standing committees as follows:

Judiciary—Bushnell, Hay, Shaw, Bradwell, Johnson, Leitze, Gray, Rountree, Golden, Sawyer, Dunham, Hite (St. Clair), Armstrong (Grundy), Moore (Adams), Orendorff, Quinn, Walker.

Corporations—Starr, Moffitt, Swan, Pollock, Washburn, Dement, Moore (Marshall), Ferrier, Henry, Casey, Smith, Middlecoff, Hite (Madison), Marsh, Ballow.

Railroads—Hildrup, Sheridan, Connolly, Shaw, Hay, Anderson, Casserly, Westfall, Ray, Casey, Herrington, Morrison, Dunham, Lemma, Armstrong (Grundy), Booth.

Inland Commerce and Warehouses—Johnston, Dalton, Hopkins, Hart, Pinnell, Thomas, Warner, McGee, Rice, Alexander (Crawford), Ballow, Cronkrite, Dewey, Lane (DeWitt), McDonald.

Judicial Department—Shaw, Bradwell, Starr, Connolly, Truitt, Ebser, Tascore, Branson, Jones, Bushnell, Johnston, Golden, Hildrup, Swan, Sawyer, Oberly, McPherran, Loomis, Sunsway, Condon, Armstrong (Grundy), Easley, Marsh, Moose, Walker.

Finance—Carpenter, Gordon, Granger, Wymore, Race, Harvey, Freeland, Herting, Snow, Rogers, Bryant, Bishop (Edgar), Halpin, Virden, Forth.

Mines and Mining—Ray, Stewart (McLean), Mitchell, Webster, Ramey, Pyatt, Wyman, Armstrong (LaSalle), Virden, Jessup, Dresser, Neville, Alexander (Montgomery).

Fees and Salaries—Swan, Westfall, Olsen, Hallenbeck, Pollock, Plowman, Jones, Ecner, Blakely, Collins, Condon, Cronkrite, Darnell.

Appropriations—Thomas, Hay, Scanlan, Gordon, Mann, Truitt, Penfield, Inscore, Hopkins, James, Sherman, Lewis, Darnell, Morrison, McDonald.

Penitentiary—Barclay, Cross, Stewart (McLean), Rankin, Dalton, Lane (Hancock), Wood, Wymore, Graham, Bishop (McHenry), Easley, Quinn, Bishop (Edgar), Jessup, Webber.

Municipal Affairs—Rountree, Starr, Mulvane, Leitze, Scanlan, Soule, Warner, Anderson, Savage, Cronkrite, Scott, Nulton, Condon, Lewis, James.

Education—Snow, Mitchell, Bradwell, Graham, Johnston, Rice, Herting, Taggart, Truitt, Rogers, McAdams, Moose, Holles, McPherran, Streeter.

State Institutions—Branson, Gordon, Stewart (McLean), Mann, Davis, Scanlan, Rice, Mitchell, Ferrier, Hite (Madison), Bishop (Edgar), Lemma, Walker, Meacham, Morrison.

Public Charities—Cross, Race, Wymore, Senne, Oleson, Rankin, Oakwood, Massie, Jackson, Blakely, Dresser, Lewis, Lane (DeWitt).

Public Buildings—Plowman, Pinnell, Rountree, Golden, Thomas, Bushnell, Mann, Penfield, Branson, Orendorff, Oberly, Peltzer, Shumway, Middlecoff, Loomis.

Revenue—Hay, Graham, Bullard, Hawes, Dalton, Carpenter, Moffit, Chambers, Freeland, Armstrong (LaSalle), Weinheimer, Thornton, Sylvester, Stroud, Smith.

Banks and Banking—Ecner, Pinsell, Herting, Grant, Wicker, Granger, Bocock, Sawyer, Holles, Bryant, Shumway, Moore (Adams), Webber.

Counties and Township Organization—Hawes, Hart, Mulvane, Stewart (Winnebago), Gridley, Ballard, Harvey, Grant, Penfield, Easley, Peltzer, Alexander (Crawford), Middlecoff, Meacham, Rogers.

Agriculture and Horticulture—Moffitt, Senne, Sheridan, Taggart, Freeman, Chambers, Ramey, Cross, Cassidy, Harrington, McAdams, Stroud, Streeter, Booth, Forth.

Manufactures—Dement, Savage, Bocock, Wayman, Webster, Freeland, Jacquess, McLaughlin, Dresser, Wick, Lomax, Weinheimer.

Canals and Rivers—Wicker, Savage, Jacquess, Snow, Washburn, Dane (Hancock), Massie, Henry, Webster, Burman, Jessup, Armstrong (LaSalle), Hite (Madison), Dolan, Peltzer.

Elections—Ferrier, Gray, Stewart (Winnebago), Pollock, Henry, Cullerton, Ray, Nulton, Halpin, Bishop (McHenry), Lane, (DeWitt).

Equalization of Taxes—Dalton, Chambers, McGee, Ballard, Hart, Race, Bishop (McHenry), Pyatt, Wick, Weinheimer McLaughlin.

Insurance—Mann, Race, Scanlan, Jones, Westfall, Taggart, Washburn, Pollock, Darnell, James, Jackson, Collins, Hite (St. Clair).

Federal Relations—Anderson, Hildrup, Branson, Rountree, Hawes, Casey, Hill (St. Clair), Dunham, Scott.

Claims—Golden, Gridley, Barclay, Freeman, Harvey (Montgomery), Jackson, Somes, Kann.

Militia—Sheridan, Dement, Warner, Freeland, Westfall, Davis, Grant, Sherman, Marsh, McDonald, Flanders.

Civil Service and Retrenchment—Hart, Mulvane, Bocock, Oakwood, Oleson, Anderson, Massie, Cullerton, Blakely, Alexander (Montgomery), Forth, Flanders, Lane (DeWitt).

Geological Survey—Stewart (McLean), Gridley, Rankin, Jaquess, Senne, McAdams, Moore, Halpin, Loomis.

Printing—Bradwell, Barclay, Bocock, Granger, Grant, Leitze, Pyatt, Oberly, Thornton, Orendorff, Smith.

Roads and Highways—Wood, Ramey, Mulvane, Cassedy, Oakwood, Stewart (Winnebago), Nolan, Booth, Newton, Dewey, Moore (Adams).

Executive Department—Lane (Hancock), Holbenbock, Freeman, Webster, Cullerton, Dewey, Sylvester, Thornton, Holles.

Drainage—Cassedy, Senne, Ramey, Massie, Plowman, Herrington, Ballow, Dolan, Stroud.

Contingent Expenses—Jones, Hollenback, Hopkins, Gray, Flanders, Kann, Meacham.

Rules—The Speaker, Carpenter, Hildrup, Thomas, Wood, Casey, Lemma.

Miscellaneous—Inscore, Wayman, Soule, McGee, Newton, Kann, Bryant.

Library—Connolly, Sylvester, Graham, Soule, McPherran, Lomax, Nulton.

Enrolled Bills—Moore (Marshall), Swan, Herting, Quinn, Collins.

Mileage—Savage, Moore (Marshall), Oleson, Scott, Neville.

Mr. THOMAS (St. Clair) asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on Appropriations, as his age would prevent him working hard. He was not excused.

CONSOLIDATION OF TAXES.

Mr. SHUMWAY presented a petition asking for an extension of time for the collection of taxes. Referred to the Revenue Committee.

NEW BILLS.

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Grundy) introduced a bill to amend the act relative to practice before Justices of the Peace. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also a bill to amend the Liquor law so as to strike out the landlord clause, and abolish imprisonment for offences under the law. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also a bill to amend the Jury law. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill relative to the redemption of real estate sold under execution. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. BARCLAY—A bill to amend the Election law, and provide for filling vacancies in election affairs. It provides that ministers of the Gospel, whose churches compels them to move about from place to place, shall have the right to vote after ninety days' residence. Ordered to second reading.

Mr. BISHOP—A bill to compel commission merchants to give up goods they cannot sell to the owners. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. BRADWELL—A bill providing that Boards of Underwriters may organize and maintain a fire patrol. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. BUSHNELL—A bill to regulate the admission of attorneys at law to practice in the courts of the State, providing for an examination by the Circuit Judge, County Attorney, and another lawyer, after the applicant has studied in an office for two years or attended a law school from which he has a certificate; the Supreme Court to regulate the examination and qualification of attorneys. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. CASEY—A bill for the assessment and collection of taxes in incorporated cities for the year 1872 and prior years. Referred to Municipal Affairs.

Mr. CASEY—A bill in regard to the assessment and collection of taxes in incorporated cities, towns, and villages for the year A. D. 1872 and prior years.

Mr. COLLINS—A bill in relation to contempt of court.

Mr. CROSS—A bill to legalize the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes in cities.

Mr. BROSS—Legalizing the assessment of property and collection of taxes in cities in 1872; also, to amend the Criminal Code.

Mr. FREEMAN—To organize the State Horticultural Society.

The call was suspended, and the Senate resolution calling for information as to the number of days in which Court has been held in the several Courts of the State was adopted.

Call resumed:

By Mr. LANE (Hancock)—To amend the act relating to Justices of the Peace.

By Mr. LEWIS—To amend the Revenue law.

By Mr. MASSIE—To amend the act relating to drains and levees.

By Mr. McADAMS—To limit the amount of risks to be taken by fire insurance companies.

By Mr. McPHERSON—To amend the act concerning jurors.

By Mr. OAKWOOD—To exempt the homestead from forced sale, and exempt certain personal property.

By Mr. ORENDORFF—Making appropriations for a new State House.

By Mr. QUINN—To protect married women from the brutality of their husbands.

By Mr. RAY—Declaring the Illinois State Horticultural Society an incorporated society, and to provide for annual reports thereafrom.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 p. m.

CALL OF ROLL FOR BILLS.

By Mr. ROUNDTREE—In relation to the election of Judges in Cook County.

By Mr. SHERMAN—In regard to assessment of and collection of taxes in Cook County.

By Mr. SNOW—To regulate the manner of applying for pardons.

By Mr. THORNTON—To enable villages having grants of land from foreign powers to sell and convey the same.

By Mr. TRITT—Regarding the publication of legal notices.

By Mr. WALKER—To regulate the sale of drugs and poisons.

By Mr. WASHBURN—To amend the act in regard to limitations; also to provide for the manner of certifying official actions of Notaries Public; also to provide for official seals of Justices, and manner of certifying their acts.

By Mr. WOOD—To establish District Courts.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. CASEY moved to adjourn. Lost.

COMMITTEE ROOMS.

Mr. SWAN offered a resolution directing the Secretary of State to furnish rooms and janitors for Committees. Referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. BALLARD offered a bill making an appropriation of $5,000 for the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners.

CONTINGENTS.

Mr. HALPIN offered a resolution repealing the resolution of Friday directing the doorkeeper to procure articles needed for the use of members.

Mr. HAY advocated the reference of the resolution to the Committee on Contigent Expenses, urging the utmost care and consideration in the incurring of this class of expenses.

Mr. BRADWELL advocated the passage of Halpin's resolution, as he was seriously in doubt as to the constitutionality of the original resolution.

Mr. OBERLY favored the repeal, as a reference would leave the matter still in the hands of the Doorkeeper.

Mr. HAY withdrew his motion to refer.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. HAY offered a rule directing that all motions contemplating appropriations for contingent expenses be referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses without debate. Referred to the Committee on Rules.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Messrs. Johnston, Inscore, Hay, Stewart (McLean), Casey, Moore (Adams), and Loomis were appointed a committee to divide and refer the Governor's message.

Mr. QUINN wanted the message read.

The SPEAKER was of opinion that the message was not in possession of the House.

Mr. QUINN insisted, and the reading was ordered—yeas, 75; nays, 57.

YEAS.

Alexander (Mer.)	Hite (Madison),	Plowman,
Armstrong (Gru.)	Hite (St. Clair),	Quinn,
Ballou,	Holles,	Ramey,
Bishop (Edgar),	Jaquess,	Rice,
Bishop (McHenry)	Jones,	Rogers,
Blakely,	Johnston,	Savage,
Booth,	Lewis,	Scanlan,
Bryant,	Lane,	Scott,
Kann,	Lane (DeWitt),	Shaw,
Collins,	Lewis,	Sheridan,
Connolly,	Loomis,	Sherman,
Dronkrita,	Marsh,	Shumway,
Dorsett,	McAdams,	Smith,
Dolan,	McDonald,	Stewart (McLean),
Dunham,	McLaughlin,	Streator,
Easley,	McPherran,	Taggart,
Ellsey,	Meacham,	Thomas,
Saunders,	Middlecoff,	Vird n,
Forth,	Moore,	Walker,
Freeman,	Morrison,	Warner,
Gordon,	Neville,	Weinheimer,
Gridley,	Newton,	Wick,
Halpin,	Nulton,	Wicker,
Harvey,	Orberly,	Wyncoop.
Hay,	Orendorff,	

NAYS.

Anderson,	Grey,	Oleson,
Barkley,	Hart,	Penfield,
Bradwell,	Hawes,	Pollack,
Bradwell,	Harting,	Race,
Branson,	Hollenbeck,	Ray,
Ballard,	Hopkins,	Rountree,
Bushnell,	Inscord,	Sawyer,
Cassedy,	Jackson,	Senne,
Carpenter,	Lane (Hancock),	Snow,
Chambers,	Litzse,	Starr,
Cross,	Massie,	Stewart (Winbgo),
Domont,	Kann,	Swan,
Dewey,	Mann,	Sylvester,
Ferrier,	Mason,	Truitt,
Freeland,	McGee,	Washburn,
Golden,	Moore (Marshall),	Wayman,
Graham,	Moffit,	Webster,
Granger,	Mulvane,	Westfall,
Grant,	Oakwood,	Wood.

Mr. FERRIER moved to adjourn. Lost—yeas, 25; nays, 104.

The reading of the message was proceeded with.

A motion to rescind the former action relating to the printing of the message was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, pending consideration of a resolution to print 2,000 copies of Governor Oglesby's inaugural in German.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Money easy at 5@7, closing at 5@6.

Sterling dull at 109½@109¾.

Gold steady, most of the day at 112¾, closing at 111⅝@112. Loans, 1@6. Clearings, $29,000,000. Treasury disbursements, $272,930.

Governments quiet; opened lower; closed firmer. State bonds neglected.

Stocks were dull, and the upper tendency of the morning was succeeded by a reaction, which toward the close was followed by firmness and recovery in prices. Erie was the chief feature of the day, rising 58¾ to 61¾, and closing strong. Western Union opened ¼ lower under reports of a combination of the opposition lines and lower tariffs, but recovered to 84¾, closing at 84¾. Union Pacific sold at 34¾, 34½, 35¼, and 35¼, and New York Central at 93¾, and 93½. Pacific Mail was quiet, but rose from 71½ to 72. Rock Island fell to 110½ but closed at 111¼. The Union Pacific bonds recovered yesterday's decline.

Sterling, 109½.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Coupons, '81	115¾	Coupons, '67	114¾
5-20s of '62	113¾	Coupons, '68	114¾
Coupons, '64	113¾	New 5s	113¾
Coupons, '65	113¾	10-40s	107¾
Coupons, '65 (new)	113¾	Currency 6s	113

STATE BONDS.

Missouris	73	Virginias, old	45
Tennessee, old	80	North Carolina, old	32½
Tennessees, new	80	North Carolinas, new	13
Virginias, new	60		

STOCKS.

Canton	101	St. Paul pfd.	77¾
W. U. Tel	84½	Wabash	38

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 14.

There were more indications of ease to-day in the money market, though the relaxation is not as positive yet as was expected would be the case by this time. Our local money market has been subject to some rather violent fluctuations in the volume of currency lately. All last week the amount sent to New York from day to day was very large. This week the tendency has been the reverse. The supply of currency has run short, depositors are checking largely, and the demand for currency has been so increased as to cause New York exchange to decline from 75c per $1,000 premium last week to par to-day. But even aside from the consideration of currency, there is no large surplus of loanable capital here yet. There are a good many stocks and securities on the market, indicating a necessity for ready funds which is not met by the banks. It is generally believed, however, that this condition will gradually change to one of abundance in the course of a week or two.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS MONEY.

After all the formalities of the Geneva Arbitration, the dining, the wining, the bluster on one hand, the implied threats and retractions on the other, the Geneva Commission awarded the United States as indemnity for the "Alabama damages," fifteen and a half millions, which will be paid within the current year. The very pertinent question now arises: To whom does this belong? The great majority of merchants and ship-owners who had vessels or goods at sea in those days, insured against capture, and paid to the insurance companies an extra war risk for protection. In cases of loss on these risks the owners of vessels and property were indemnified by the insurance companies, and can have no second claim against the United States. The insurance companies, also, received a full compensation for their risk in the excessive rates of insurance, and as they took these risks voluntarily, and with a full knowledge of all the circumstances, they can have no claim for damages. Merchants and ship-owners who lost goods or property at sea by capture, and had no insurance, will of course have claims that cannot be ignored, but it is presumed that the number of those who can make out clear cases will be comparatively small. On the whole, it looks as though the distribution of the fifteen and a half millions was likely to be as long-winded and intricate a business as the collection of it is.

AN AMBITIOUS BANKER.

Mr. Henry Clews, of New York, who has persistently advertised his ambition to succeed Mr. Boutwell as Secretary of the Treasury, has taken the job of bolstering up the $2,000,000 of Alabama bonds which the people of that State have repudiated as having been issued without legal authority. Another scheme, which is understood as having originated in Mr. Clews' ambition to get his finger in the National pie, is the preposterous one proposed in Congressman Wheeler's bill for the incorporation of the Governor and Managers of the Exchequer of the United States of America. This bill, which will soon come up in Congress, contemplates nothing less than the consolidation of all the National Banks of the United States into one monstrous institution, with more despotic power than was wielded by the old United States Bank. It is now becoming apparent to even casual observers, that consolidation and concentration of the money power of banks and railroads is a prominent tendency of the times, and that in it lies the greatest danger to the liberty and financial welfare of the people. An acknowledged speculator and advocate of this tendency is not the kind of man to be trusted with the administration of National finances.

TITLED NAMES IN BANK CHECKS.

We fully indorse the Boston *Commercial Bulletin* in a raid it makes against the use of the senseless suffix of "Esquire" to any man's name in business affairs: "In bank checks all titles of degree which are descriptive must be used when the payee comes to put his name on the back of the check to be collected. When the prefixes or the affixes are merely superfluous and complimentary they may be omitted. For instance, a check payable to Mrs. John Smith must be indorsed Mrs. John Smith. A check payable to Brigadier General Jones must be indorsed with the full title. A check payable to Peter Snooks, Esquire, will be readily cashed at his bank if Mr. Snooks drops the 'esquire' in making his indorsement."

THE NEW BALTIMORE & OHIO.

The recent report of the President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad says, in relation to the Chicago line now being built: "The pressure of trade from the Northwest has constantly shown the desirableness and necessity of a line of railway entirely under the control of the Baltimore & Ohio Road, from Chicago, and through the extensive and fertile intermediate regions to Baltimore. For the purpose of effecting this connection with the least possible delay, it has been determined to construct the road from a point about 90 miles north of Newark, on the Lake Erie Division, to Chicago, a distance of about 260 miles. The line has been located with easy grades, and is very direct. It is expected that the entire road will be placed under construction within a brief period, and that, through this extension, in connection with the Lake Erie & Central Ohio Division, and the Baltimore & Ohio Road, an available, economical, and effective line from Chicago, but 811 miles to Baltimore, and, by the Metropolitan Branch, but 784 miles to the city of Washington, can be built and in use within eighteen months."

THE CHICAGO, SAGINAW & CANADA RAILROAD

Is a projected line from Grand Haven to Saginaw 125 miles, and thence north along the shore of Lake Huron 60 miles, with a branch to St. Clair to connect with the Canada Southern. The prominent promoters of the scheme are about a dozen well-known Eastern capitalists, among whom are A. C. Barstow, Treasurer of the Company, and Captain E. L. Craw, the President. Arrangements have been made for the money to build the 125 miles of road from Grand Haven to Saginaw. Mr. Dwight Klinck, recently connected with the Marine Company of Chicago, and formerly Cashier of other banks in Iowa, has been appointed Secretary of the Company.

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Tuesday, Jan. 14:

CITY PROPERTY.

Catherine st, bet Wood and Paulina sts, n f, 24 ft to alley, dated Jan. 7; consideration, $800.

Catherine st, bet Wood and Paulina sts, n f, 24 ft to alley, dated Jan. 7; consideration, $800.

North Franklin st, bet Wendell and Oak sts, w f, Lot 8, dated Jan. 10; consideration, $2,500.

Lot 23, in Block 1, of McReynold's Addition, dated Jan. 7; consideration, $600.

Lot 56, in Block 2, of Harrison's Blocks 1 and 2, Sec. 19, 39, 14, dated Jan. 13; consideration, $850.

Same as the above, dated Jan. 11; consideration, $800.

The premises No. 299 Clybourn place, dated Dec. 15, 1872; consideration, $2,200.

The premises No. 154 West Twelfth st, dated Jan. 11; consideration, $3,800.

W ½ of Lot 23 in Lot 7, of Manierre & Aiken's Lots 1 and 2, in Blocks 5 and 6, in Sec. 29, 39, 14, dated Jan. 14; consideration, $600.

Park av, s f, 103⅓x111½ ft, in Block 2, of Purple's Central Park Addition, dated Dec. 30, 1872; consideration, $6,000.

Ambrose st, SW cor. of Wood st, s f, 30x100 ft, dated Jan. 13; consideration, $1,500.

Lot 26 in Block 2, in Brudwell's Addition, dated Jan. 9; consideration, $600.

Hubbard st, bet. Lewitt and Oakley sts, n f, Lot 70, dated Sept. 14, 1872; consideration, $1,000.

Lot 10, in s ½ of Block 37, Sec. 19, 39, 14, dated Jan. 15; consideration, $600.

Eight Lots in Hostetn, dated Jan. 14; consideration, $9,200.

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lot 26, in Block 3, in Baxter's s ½ of s e ¼ Section 26, 40, 14, dated Aug. 14, 1872; consideration, $450.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

E ½ of s ½ of Lot 3, in Larton's Subdivision in n w ¼ Section 1, 38, 38, dated July 3, 1872; consideration, $1,800.

Lots 11 to 20, in Hurford's Subdivision in s e ¼ of Section 9, 38, 14, dated July 10, 1872; consideration, $6,000.

Lots 1 to 10, 17 and 21 to 35, in Hambleton's e ½ of Lot 38, in Section 16, 38, 14, dated Nov. 15, 1872; consideration, $9,000.

COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 14.

The following were the receipts and shipments of produce at this point during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	4,900	4,809	2,497	3,091
Wheat, bu	19,670	26,963	11,234	1,063
Corn, bu	107,200	159,273	1,131	17,299
Oats, bu	29,950	28,740	1,131	17,299
Rye, bu	8,197	1,786	450	1,043
Barley, bu	10,512	13,260	2,100	1,728
Grass Seed, lbs	139,740	142,675	63,739	16,020
Flax Seed, bu	8,500		4,000	4,150
Broom Corn, lbs	37,300	13,620	24,740	2,176
Cured Meats, lbs	207,620	142,200	266,270	603,494
Beef, brls	19			135
Pork, brls	66	771	900	100
Lard, lbs	153,600	238,610	1045,820	274,964
Tallow, lbs	33,400	31,980		20,300
Butter, lbs	49,750	30,416	24,210	
Dressed Hogs, No	2,072	5,197	1,720	1,575
Live Hogs, No	31,547	14,269	6,549	2,250
Cattle, No	3,726	2,316	1,501	1,231
Sheep, No	1,679	1,343	730	
Hides, lbs	123,610	259,155	96,080	214,350
Highwines, brls	294	289	363	350
Wool, lbs	113,001	33,642	16,759	
Potatoes, bu		5,030	22	
Lumber, m	291	1,253	244	603
Shingles, m	800	310	100	44
Lath, m	40	3		16
Salt, brls	504	1,900	1,114	1,935

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 7,096 bu wheat; 2,351 bu corn; 627 bu oats; 345 bu rye; 2,667 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning up to 10 o'clock: 109 cars wheat; 178 cars corn; 20 cars oats; 5 cars rye; 25 cars barley. Total, 348 cars, or 188,000 bu.

The following Committees and officials were appointed at the meeting of the Directors of the Board of Trade yesterday:

COMMITTEES.

Finance—Davis, Priestly, Bensley.
Floor Inspection—Sturges, Baldwin, Warren.
Provision Inspection—Richardson, Armour, Warren; and J. Stiles, and George Stewart, from the Board at Large.
Other Inspection—Ford, Wight, Murison.
Telegraphing—Armour, Sturges, Baldwin.
Membership—Bensley, Murison, Ford.
Rooms—Priestly, Davis, Brainard.
Miscellaneous—Brainard, Wight, Davis.
Meteorological—Secretary, Warren, Ford.
Secretary—Charles Randolph.
Treasurer—Orson Smith.

INSPECTORS.

Flour—Creighton & Rathbone.
Provisions—I. T. Sunderland, Ezra Taylor, J. McClure, J. Campbell, J. Hobin.
Spirits—G. G. Smith, W. N. Danks.
Cooperage—F. E. Jones.
Weigher—John Wade.

It is rumored on 'Change that Mr. Soammon, of this city will probably be appointed a member of the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners for this State.

The leading produce markets were generally weak to-day, and some of them dull, though none exhibited an important decline except hogs. Our receipts are on the increase, as might be expected from the change in the weather, but shipments are expected to increase in greater ratio, except on corn. There is no especial demand for anything in the shape of breadstuffs, but our stocks in store are yet small for this season of the year, and our storage facilities. Only about 5,000,000 bu of grain of all kinds are in store here now, and augmenting at the rate of about 10¾ per cent per week. Our present rate of increase (not percentage) would give us 11,000,000 bu in store at the opening of navigation. The grocery trade was again dull, with no appreciable change in values. Coffees continue firm with an upward tendency, while other goods may be quoted steady. Dry goods remain very quiet. The demand was mainly in the line of small orders, there being few buyers here in person. Prices remain firm. No new features were noted in the market for fish, dried fruits, and canned goods, trade continuing quiet at about former rates. Hay was dull at yesterday's quotations. Hides and leather remain firm. The oil trade was quiet, with prices generally firm. Pig iron, rags and metals, and tobacco were without change. Building materials remain quiet and unchanged. The lumber market was without special change; the demand is still very light, prices ruling the same as for the past eight weeks. Metals and tinners' stock were quiet and firm. Iron and steel were in moderate demand. Iron is quotable at 4 6-10@5 rates. Nails were inactive and unchanged. The wool market was quiet and without quotable change. Broom corn was without new features; dealers continue to receive a fair amount of orders for the better grades, while common corn is plenty and moves very slowly. Hops are in moderate request and firm. Seeds were less active than yesterday, and the receipts were rather meagre; timothy was firm at $3.90@3.95, and clover at $5.00@5.10. Other seeds were dull and nominal. There was a very fair local inquiry for poultry to-day, and prices for choice stock rule quite strong, owing to the light offerings. Game was in moderate request at about yesterday's prices. Eggs were in fair request at 28@29c. Apples were in liberal supply and fair local demand; other fruits were quiet and steady.

Highwines were quiet, and steady at yesterday's quotations, though reported dull in New York. Sales were limited to 100 brls at 89c per gallon. The market closed with firm holders as 89c.

Dressed hogs were dull, and about 15c per 100 lbs lower, with few buyers even at that decline, as the drop in live hogs took shippers out of the market. There was nothing doing on 'Change, the close of 'Change, and a good many lots were left over. The ruling quotations were about $4.35 for choice heavy or mixed weights, and $4.40 for light. Sales were 110 head at $4.50; 81 at $4.40; 95 at $4.37½; 387 at $4.35; 125 at $4.20. Total, 769 head.

Provisions were active, but weak. The receipts of hogs at the Stock Yards were very large, and broke down prices there, which fact necessarily acted bearishly on 'Change, though products were really strong by comparison. They did not decline so much, in proportion, as the live animal. Indeed, many of the sales reported show but a shading of weakness, for the reason that a prominent packer acted the part of the early bird, going round to some of the brokers, and filling their orders before the situation was known down to the general mass of operators. When the news of the decline in hogs was received on 'Change, there was a perceptible backwardness on the part of buyers; but, as the offerings of product were not large, the market ruled steady, though dull, at a decline of 20@25c per brl on pork, 5c per 100 lbs on lard, and about ½c per lb on meats, even green hams being easier, as the prospect is that the receipts of hogs will continue to be very large, at least through the remainder of this month. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller January, $11.45@11.50; do seller February, $11.70@11.75; do seller March, $11.85@11.90; do seller April, $12.07½@12.10; prime mess, $10.50@10.75; extra prime, $8.75. Lard, cash, or seller January, $7.05@7.10; do seller February, $7.15; do seller March, $7.35@7.37½; do seller April, $7.45@7.50. Sweet pickled hams, 7½@9c, and green hams at 7¾@7½c for 15-lb averages, and 7¾@7¾c for 16-lb averages. Green shoulders, 3½c; do rough sides, 4½@5c; do short ribs, 5½c; do short clear, 5¾@5¾c for dry salted meats quotable at 3¾c for shoulders; 5¾@5¾c for short ribs, and 6c for short clear. Sweet pickled shoulders, seller January, quoted at 4c. English meats for delivery in January, 6¾c for Cumberlands; 5¾c for short ribs or long clear; 6¾c for short clear; 6¾@6¾c for long cut hams. Bacon is quoted at 5¾c for shoulders, 7¼c for clear ribs, 7¾c for short clear, all packed. Mess beef, $8.50@9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $27.00@28.00. City tallow, 7¾@7¾c; grease quotable at 5¾@6¼c. Sales were reported of 500 brls mess pork at $11.50; 500 brls do seller February at $11.70; 1,500 brls do seller March at $12.00; 100 brls do at $11.87½; 100 brls do at $11.85; 1,000 brls do seller April at $12.10; 500 brls do at $12.07½; 2,000 tcs lard at 7.10; 1,000 tcs do seller February at $7.18¾; 350 tcs do at $7.12½; 500 tcs do seller March at $7.37½; 250 tcs do at $7.35; 100,000 lbs shoulders at 3¾c; 50,000 lbs do seller first half February at 3¾c; 50,000 lbs do seller March at 4c; 100,000 lbs green do at 3½c; 100,000 lbs at $8.40; 200,000 lbs green square hides (country) at 5c; 40,000 lbs boxed short ribs, and 490 boxes do at 5¾c; 1,000 boxes long clear, part seller March, at 5¾c; 1,100 boxes short clear, part seller February, part seller March, at 6¾c; 250 boxes do, cash, at 6.15; 3,250 boxes do at 6¼c; 2,500 boxes long and short clear, part seller February, at 6c; 20,000 lbs green hams (15 lbs) at 7¾c; 60,000 lbs do (15¾ lbs) at 7¾c; 7,000 pcs and 100,000 lbs do (16 lbs) at 7¾c; 120,000 lbs do (17 lbs) at 7c; 60,000 lbs do (18 lbs) at 6¾c.

Flour was more active, and steady at previous prices, though reported 6d per brl lower in Liverpool. But New York was quoted firm, and our stocks are light, while dealers insisted that there is no reason for a decline, as flour did not advance with wheat on the recent strengthening in that market. The order demand to-day was better than usual, while the local inquiry was fairly good. Bran was easier. Sales were reported of 150 brls white winter extras at $9.00; 100 brls do at $8.75; 75 brls on private terms; 100 brls spring extras (Minn.) at $6.75; 25 brls do (Sterling) at $6.50; 100 brls do at $6.35; 170 brls at $6.25; 200 brls do (Marion) at $6.00; 800 brls do on private terms; 200 brls rye (Forest City) at $4.50; 10 brls buckwheat at $7.50. Total, 1,930 brls. Also 10 tons bran at $10.50; 10 tons middlings at $12.00; 10 tons screenings at $12.00, all on track. The following were closing quotations:

Fair to choice white winter extras.....$7.50@8 75
Best winter extras.....8.00@8.50
Good to choice spring extras.....5.50@6.50
Low to medium.....4.75@5.25
Good to fancy Minnesota.....5.75@6.50
Spring superfine.....3.00@4.00
Rye flour.....4.00@4.50
Buckwheat flour.....7.50@8.00
Bran.....10.50@11.00

Wheat was again active, in a small way, at a further decline of about ¼@⅜c from yesterday's prices; the drop being principally due to a reported weakening in Liverpool on both flour and wheat. The receipts of wheat in Liverpool are very large, aggregating something like 1,500,000 bu in the past 9 days; and that market can scarcely be other than weak under such liberal arrivals, though the shortage in Great Britain is yet large. We stated a few days ago that the farmers of England are delivering their wheat as rapidly as possible, because the quality is so poor that they are afraid to keep it till warm weather. Hence the foreign receipts meet with a heavy home competition. New York was reported strong on choice, but dull on the ordinary grades. Seller February opened at $1.22¾, declined to $1.21¾, advanced to $1.21¾, fell back to $1.21¼, and closed firmer at $1.21½. Seller the month or cash No. 2 spring at $1.19¾@1.20¼, closing at $1.20¼. Seller March sold at $1.23¼@1.24¼, closing at $1.24. No. 1 spring was quiet at $1.26, with most holders asking higher figures. No. 3 spring closed at $1.07in unspecified houses, and rejected do at 93¼@98c. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No 1 spring at $1.26; 2,400 bu No 2 spring at $1.20¾; 38,600 bu do at $1.20; 1,000 bu do at $1.19¾; 1,600 bu No. 3 spring at 1.07½; 7,800 bu at $1.07; 11,400 bu do at $1.06¾; 1,200 bu do at $1.06¼; 800 bu do rejected spring at 93c; 1,200 bu do at 93½c. Total, 67,300 bu.

Corn was again dull and steady at further decline of ½c,—the rate at which the market has dropped daily for several days past. The receipts were large, and there was no encouragement from other markets, and no shipping orders to say point, either on the seaboard or the interior of the Eastern States. Cash corn was offered a little more freely, as a consequence of larger receipts, but all the offerings were taken up—by parties who bought to carry against options sold for next month. The summer options were steady. Seller the month, or cash No. 2, sold at 30¾@30¾c; seller February at 30¾@30½c; seller March at 31¼@31½c; seller April at 32@32½c; seller May at 36@36½c; and seller June at 37@37¾c; all closing with buyers at the inside quotation. Cash sales were reported of 15,000 bu No. 2 at 30½c; 10,000 bu do at 30 7-16c; 61,800 bu do at 30¾c; 11,200 bu rejected at 28c; 400 bu car at 34c on track. Total, 98,400 bu.

Oats were quiet and firm at about the same prices as yesterday. An attempt was made early to depress the market, but it was discontinued when New York was quoted strong. Seller the month sold at 25¾@25½c; seller February at 25¾@25½c; and seller April at 26¾@26¼c, all closing firm. Seller March was normal at 26@26½c, and seller May at 29¼@30c. Cash sales were reported of 15,000 bu No. 2 at 25½c; 3,400 bu do at 25¼c; 1,200 bu rejected at 21¾c; 600 bu do at 21½c; 1,100 bu by sample (white) at 31c; 600 bu do at 27c,—all on track. Total, 20,900 bu.

Rye was quiet and steady at the ruling quotation of several days past. Sales were limited to 2,400 bu No. 2 at 57c. Rejected was quoted at 56c. Rye is quoted scarce; there is very little offering, as most holders anticipate better prices in the spring.

Barley was more active and strong, advancing ½c on No. 2 and 1½c on No. 3, with a demand considerably in excess of the supply. No. 1 opened at 68¾c bid, and advanced to 67¾c in ordinary houses. Seller February sold at 67¼@68c, closing at 68¾@68c. Seller March sold at 69¼c. No. 3 closed firm at 57½c in ordinary houses, and 62c in Armour, Dole & Co.'s houses. Rejected was also strong. Cash sales were reported of 1,900 bu No. 2 (A. D. & Co.) at 70c; 2,200 bu do at 67¾c; 11,800 bu do at 67c; 800 bu No. 3 at 62c; 1,200 bu do at 60c; 400 bu do at 59c; 400 bu do at 57½c; 2,400 bu at 57c; 1,600 bu rejected at 46c; 400 bu do at 45½c; 2,000 bu do at 45c; 400 bu by sample (fancy) at $1.01; 400 bu do at 95c; 400 bu at 93c; 400 bu at 90c; 400 bu at 87c; 400 bu at 83c. 800 bu do at 80c; 400 bu at 77½; 800 bu do at 75c; 800 bu do at 72c; 400 bu at 70c. Total, 31,800 bu.

The following is the official statement of the stocks of grain in store in this city on the evening of Saturday last, and as corresponding dates:

	WHEAT.		
	Jan. 11, '73.	Jan. 4, '73.	Jan. 13, '72.
No. 1 amber			1,220
No. 2 amber			
No. 3 amber			600
No. 2 red			2,053
No. 3 winter	1,635	1,635	1,445
No. 1 spring	3,375	3,399	33,588
No. 2 spring	926,861	893,470	1,294,619
No. 3 spring	290,301	274,191	99,993
No. 1 hard spring	2,742	2,688	7,473
No. 2 hard spring	7,106	6,777	36,888
Rejected spring	47,730	44,039	28,417
No grade spring	699	305	914
Total	1,283,149	1,145,650	1,466,321
	CORN.		
Yellow	45,095	15,738	39,076
No. 1	57,307	45,984	61,433
No. 2	2,081,487	1,758,363	4,146,184
Rejected	67,146	43,635	163,506
No. 2 kiln dried	5,533	5,533	
Rejected kiln dried			
No grade			1,839
New No. 2			
Total	2,206,226	1,868,253	4,415,928
	OATS.		
No. 1	8,544	834,338	7,657
No. 2	838,492	834,338	858,099
Rejected	65,845	66,372	80,304
No grade		335	1,116
Total	957,601	904,299	975,866
	RYE.		
No. 1	5,173	5,538	55,463
No. 2	223,007	208,434	228,934
Rejected	3,711	1,962	7,966
No grade			
Total	229,931	215,934	293,583
	BARLEY.		
No. 2	258,223	240,363	439,402
No. 3	65,346	72,018	106,481
Rejected	14,649	54,811	9,216
No grade			
Total	341,212	337,192	555,009

Total, 5,018,119 bu. These figures show an increase during the past week of 117,499 bu wheat; 337,973 bu corn; 53,302 bu oats; 13,967 bu rye, and 4,020 bu barley. Total increase, 526,761 bu.

PRODUCE STATISTICS.

The New York *Produce Exchange Circular* has the following:

The visible supply of grain, including the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation, at lake and seaboard ports, Jan. 4, 1873, and the comparative stocks at the other undermentioned periods, were as follows:

	1873.*	1872.	1872.	1871.
	Jan. 4.	Dec. 28.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 7.
Wheat, bu	5,658,257	6,348,673	10,844,472	10,023,254
Corn, bu	9,284,819	9,305,398	5,870,027	2,379,896
Oats, bu	4,504,719	4,414,984	3,460,217	3,477,899
Barley, bu	2,216,582	2,863,855	2,054,334	1,873,837
Total	20,773,057	22,122,020	21,698,051	16,955,486

*The amount afloat in New York, in canal-boats, and barges not included.

The visible supply of flour, including stocks at the undermentioned places, Dec. 31 for four years, compared:

At	1869. brls.	1870. brls.	1871. brls.	1872. brls.
New York	443,478	638,147	426,534	342,817
Buffalo	30,000	38,500	38,000	72,500
Boston	246,000	250,000	265,000	225,000
Philadelphia	101,000	116,330	90,354	94,038
Baltimore	105,000	115,000	85,500	70,000
Chicago	56,961	73,838	32,700	25,500
Cincinnati	25,800	30,000	26,000	20,800
St. Louis	66,231	83,196	151,683	129,893
Milwaukee	33,000	36,150	24,375	28,056
Montreal	68,306	114,397	76,065	38,153
Toronto	9,878	8,864	5,314	5,020
Oswego	32,760	26,700	28,500	28,800
Detroit	37,650	16,200	26,315	16,500
Toledo	3,300	5,700	6,360	*4,500
Total	1,287,521	1,480,103	1,302,840	1,034,279

*Estimated.

The decrease in the aggregate stocks of flour this year, as compared with last, is 285,561 brls, equal to 1,542,586 bu wheat.

The stocks of wheat and maize at the ten principal importing ports of the United Kingdom, on the 31st of December, for five years, from 1867 to 1871, inclusive, were:

	Flour, sks. 280 lbs.	Flour, brls. 196 lbs.	Wheat, qrs.	Maize, qrs.
1871	207,761	261,503	1,718,094	271,383
1870	166,128	253,697	1,275,027	224,156
1869	155,160	330,538	1,230,538	324,741
1868	118,113	82,179	761,593	102,196
1867	120,874	280,833	969,419	83,654

The stocks Dec. 31, 1872, in Liverpool and London were:

	Flour, sks.	Flour, brls.	Wheat, bu.	Maize, bu.
Liverpool	20,000	36,000	361,000	333,000
London			280,000	60,000
Total, Dec. 31, '72	20,000	36,000	661,000	393,000
Total, Dec. 31, '71	132,154	154,711	926,481	167,491

*No report.

Imports into France; also exports of flour and grain from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, in 1872, and for the years 1871, 1870, and 1869:

IMPORTS.	1872. 10 mos.	1871. year.	1870. year.	1869. year.
Flour, sks., 200 lbs	64,722	844,409	300,878	29,310
Wheat, qrs., 496 lbs	20,206,177	6715,945	2767,344	1966,451
Maize, qrs., 480 lbs	88,954	131,455	414,573	98,436
Rye, qrs., 320 lbs	253,716	2191,900	1406,642	309,493
Barley, qrs., 400 lbs	122,760	493,448	380,101	152,051
Oats, qrs., 256 lbs	6,643	26,831	12,903	19,799
EXPORTS.				
Flour, sks., 280 lbs	797,194*	213,728	322,520	1660,377
Wheat, qrs., 496 lbs	1,252,348	286,960	312,589	481,374
Corn, qrs., 480 lbs	46,104	36,289	100,294	62,937
Oats, qrs., 320 lbs	353,524	193,658	105,654	90,436
Barley, qrs., 400 lbs	1842,883	599,919	221,641	605,768
Rye, qrs., 400 lbs	851,978	247,620	219,154	491,431

*Exports only to Sept. 30, there being no exports of flour given for October, which is probably an omission.

Receipts of flour and grain at New York for the last four years ended Dec. 31:

	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.
Flour, brls	3,984,065	3,976,084	4,130,621	3,937,339
Wheat, bu	16,182,153	24,769,987	28,913,768	28,993,620
Corn, bu	40,170,977	34,849,918	8,520,340	10,666,240
Oats, bu	13,986,977	13,436,289	6,291,966	6,776,469
Barley, bu	3,981,941	3,926,232	3,207,276	2,624,488
Rye, bu	467,438	1,065,079	689,154	661,000
Peas, bu	182,592	108,884	223,849	114,974
Malt, bu	1,062,051	793,046	1,033,597	473,983
Tot. grain, bu	74,593,444	70,958,329	48,514,376	48,546,321
Flour to wheat, bu	14,924,925	17,880,940	20,804,705	17,687,695
Grand total, bu	89,518,369	88,836,605	69,318,981	64,233,906

Receipts of flour and grain at Boston for four years:

	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.
Flour, brls	1,884,884	1,920,843	1,856,079	1,479,975
B. Fl. & C. M	9,588	9,927		
Cornmeal, brls	91,538	88,348	18,266	36,449
Wheat, bu	402,126	492,420	213,471	389,069
Corn, bu	5,000,155	3,814,729	3,429,943	2,345,340
Oats, bu	2,725,641	2,416,273	2,168,603	1,400,412
Barley, bu	539,938	462,950	260,514	216,871
Rye, bu	13,989	26,384	31,480	32,992
Tot. grain, bu	8,774,849	7,563,684	5,233,010	4,463,174
Fl. & m'l to bu	8,460,060	8,040,550	7,854,225	7,577,085
Grand total, bu	18,951,899	15,604,174	13,089,235	12,040,259

Grain Trade of Philadelphia—Receipts for four years:

	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.
Flour, brls	987,850	950,065	930,447	876,650
Rye flour, brls			45,680	41,620
Cornmeal, brls			61,300	50,318
Wheat, bu	4,160,800	3,901,670	3,284,300	3,984,600
Corn, bu	8,137,380	6,100,300	3,030,260	3,940,140
Oats, bu	5,830,400	4,103,400	2,360,842	2,660,670
Barley, bu	730,380	816,200	778,850	930,940
Rye, bu	220,940	370,530	726,323	961,488
Total grain, bu	19,179,900	15,352,000	10,231,276	10,477,138
Fl'kmn'l to bu	4,937,250	4,750,325	5,383,435	4,843,490
Grand total, bu	24,117,150	20,102,325	15,613,711	15,259,628

Receipts of flour and grain at Buffalo for the last four years:

	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.*
Flour, brls	2,053,568	2,079,703	2,205,727	1,508,497
Wheat, bu	15,552,680	24,252,485	21,584,716	19,223,646
Corn, bu	42,759,609	36,585,756	14,101,333	11,049,403
Oats, bu	13,522,382	14,985,830	9,240,306	5,480,247
Barley, bu	3,544,362	1,941,676	3,080,264	651,539
Rye, bu	360,658	1,170,125	814,951	125,059
Peas, bu	57,679	56,302	47,859	45,034
Malt, bu	5,454	32,887	5,572	1,800
Tot. grain, bu	81,813,220	78,965,061	48,872,001	37,089,728
Fl'to wh't, bu	10,042,849	13,826,625	14,528,935	7,992,435
Grand total, bu	91,856,069	92,363,686	63,400,936	45,081,197

*Receipts by Lake Shore not included in '69, but were included in '70, '71, and '72.

Receipts of flour and grain at Oswego for the last four years:

	1872.	1871.	1870.	1869.
Flour, brls	111,500	1,550	5,732	3,522
Wheat, bu	4,153,439	6,768,382	6,750,412	7,789,079
Corn, bu	1,921,502	5,416,765	940,434	1,818,170
Oats, bu	89,802	124,500	427,684	92,234
Barley, bu	2,791,038	2,472,288	3,545,571	3,796,747
Rye, bu	81,773	304,303	310,107	334,002
Peas, bu	36,567	171,387	170,480	178,023
Total grain, bu	9,074,319	14,218,315	12,244,688	13,878,972
Fl'r to wh't, bu	550	7,750	28,760	17,610
Grand total, bu	9,074,869	14,226,065	12,273,448	13,896,582

LUMBER.

The *Lumberman's Gazette* gives the following aggregate of returns received from all the lumber manufacturers in the Saginaw Valley, except about one dozen:

	Feet.
Lumber manufactured in 1872	579,813,893
Lath manufactured in 1872	65,578,450
Shingles manufactured in 1872	72,207,000
Lumber at mills, sold and unsold	126,387,108
Logs in mill-booms, etc	27,588,296
Logs hung up over the season	370,848,000
Logs proposed to be put in this winter	413,500,000
	Brls.
Salt produced in 1872	724,481
Now on hand (estimated)	98,000

The amount of lumber cut exceeds that of 1871, from 80,000,000 to 40,000,000 feet. Had there been no more logs in the woods than there were last year, we have footed up 75,000,000 more. The report on lath is about the same as for the previous year, while salt appears to be quite a falling off in the manufacture of shingles. Of the amount of lumber at the mills, reports show that about 200,000,000 are sold, and of the balance, from 40,000,000 to 45,000,000 will be shipped to yards owned by manufacturers, thus leaving from 60,000,000 to 65,000,000 on the market.

IRON.

Edward Samuel, of Philadelphia, furnishes the following as the prices of No. 1 American pig iron in that market for the months named:

	March.	June.	Sept.	Dec.
1869	$41.75	$40.50	$40.50	$37.50
1870	38.00	39.50	39.00	36.00
1871	34.75	35.50	37.00	37.50
1872	48.50	50.25	53.00	45.00

In September, 1872, the price had advanced about $16 per ton above the opening figure in January, and at present writing it has receded to $45, a decrease of some $8 per ton. At present the market is firm, but with a wide difference in the views of buyers and sellers, preventing business to any extent being done. The general impression seems to prevail, that the market has touched its lowest point for some months to come, and there is a disposition on the part of buyers to make their purchases for the first quarter of the coming year. The high prices have stimulated the production of pig metal, and we learn of about fifty new furnaces completed, or in the course of erection, which if in fair to average these furn

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The State Horticultural Society's Annual Meeting---The Fruit-Growing Interest.

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JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Jan. 11, 1873.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

betokens considerable character, intelligence, and honesty of purpose. Thus far there has been no opportunity for an indication of any very brilliant forensic talent. As to leaderships in either House, there is always some lawyer from St. Louis or Kansas City that lays claim to the same; but hitherto the opportunity to show off has been lacking. There are very few of the old Representatives present,—not over ten or twelve, I believe. About every second bill introduced thus far has been referred to the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform; and there is great concern lest, some fine morning, the people of the State of Missouri should wake up with the information sounding in their ears that the State is out of debt, and that the Sheriffs and Tax-Gatherers have been abolished forever.

GOVERNOR SILAS WOODSON,

the present Executive of the State of Missouri, is of Kentucky blood, a person of medium build as to height and size, apparently about 50 years of age, clean-shaven all around, and, seen from a distance, while reading his inaugural address, in general contour somewhat resembles Senator Trumbull, of Illinois. Everybody says that, if he shall carry out, at least in a good degree, the measures and reforms recommended in his inaugural, both his political friends and opponents will be very agreeably disappointed. They do not at all question the Governor's intentions, but some do question the disposition of the Legislature to carry out the reforms indicated.

THE GOVERNOR'S FIRST RECEPTION

came off on Wednesday evening. The new Mansion, as it is generally called, is very attractive in its interior arrangements. Two large parlors and an ante-room are on the right. In the middle one stood the Governor; on his left, his wife; and on her left, Mrs. Shannon, while receiving. It is customary here to issue no cards, and every one is free to come and to go at a public reception; to be introduced, or to let it alone. On this occasion, all the rooms were crowded with charming young ladies, Senators and Representatives, officials, citizens of Jefferson generally, and quite a sprinkling of strangers. Dancing commenced about 3 o'clock, and lasted till "the wee sma' hours." Formerly refreshments were furnished, and it is said that some low-bred people from the three adjoining counties used to "go through" the eatables and drinkables. This custom is abolished.

THE STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Missouri State Horticultural Society has just closed, and the many readers of THE TRIBUNE directly interested in horticulture and agriculture will certainly be pleased to learn something of what their Missouri brethren are doing in this field of industry. To start out with, allow me to state that, while the attendance of old and regular members was good, that of the citizens of this place and vicinity was small indeed, and the Society were not vouchsafed the light of the countenance of a single lady.

Judge Krekel, of the United States District Court,—himself, like most of his brethren of the ermine, an enthusiastic horticulturist,—welcomed the Society to Jefferson City, and embraced the occasion to refer to the happy geographical location of Missouri as a fruit-growing State, and the great undeveloped wealth of the State, especially with reference to the cultivation of fruits. He complimented the members on their disinterested labors of love in striving to disseminate information regarding the best manner of cultivation and the best varieties of fruits.

The Acting Chairman, in his response, referred to the fact that Jefferson City was the birthplace of this Society, and accounted for the paucity of members from the fact that, with most farmers and fruit-growers, money was scarce. He claimed that we had raised too much and too inferior fruit, and that, in order to make it pay, we must raise the best, and put it on the market in the best shape; if we were to do this, fruit-growing would pay.

The reports from *Ad Interim* and District Committees generally indicate that fruit, especially apples and peaches, have been very abundant in all parts of the State, but that peaches generally had been small. The sinking of the mercury to 24 degrees below zero during December last, killed all the peach and many of the buds of the cherry, so that there is little prospect for those desirable fruits for the coming summer.

The reports also indicate that, where the social feature has been adopted by the Local Horticultural Societies, they flourish; otherwise the attendance is small. Some of the Local Societies devote the surplus cash received from Summer Fairs in the purchase of books for their respective libraries,—showing a commendable thirst for knowledge, calculated to advance their material prosperity.

In this connection, I cannot omit noticing the deep interest with which many members are watching the Agricultural College of Missouri, now going through "the grinding process;" O that Pharr "to help us, fight these battles!" The Society has a Standing Committee on the Agricultural College, but unfortunately they lacked the means and the opportunity to visit the institution in the year past; but another has been appointed, and we hope to get at reliable data and facts of what is actually being accomplished at Columbia to furnish "class education." It would be a favorable omen if President Rood should be known to have a three days' interview with President Welch, of Iowa; Professor Manly Miles, of Michigan; and President Denison, of the Kansas Agricultural College; or, better still, if he should visit the respective institutions over which these gentlemen preside. It may seem somewhat remarkable that this Society should have existed fourteen years without being incorporated; but so it is. Steps have now been taken to secure this end.

Until the year 1872, the Missouri State Horticultural Society had never received any money at all from the State. That year the Society received $1,000,—an appropriation which was vetoed by its advocates to be annual, but which the interpreters of the law construe differently, and claim that it was only for one year. The friendly contest, which has sometimes factiously been called "the War of Fruits," now going on between Missouri and Kansas, and the immense immigration which has given the latter State, within the last two years, an increase of voters of 40,000,—or, equivalent to a population of 200,000,—and which is justly attributed to the efforts of the Kansas Horticultural Society, by making exhibitions of fruits at Philadelphia, in 1869; at Richmond, Va., in 1871; at Boston, New York, San Francisco, and elsewhere, in 1872,—have aroused the State pride of Missouri, and this Horticultural Society have raised a Committee to collect, and select, and exhibit the fruits, vines, &c., of the State, at Boston, in September next, before the National Pomological Society. They there expect to meet their horticultural brethren of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and other States, and to place their fruit-wealth in juxtaposition, so that the universal Yankee notion and "the rest of mankind" may get a glimpse at least of the dainties upon which the Western feed.

The tables at this meeting were loaded with the finest of winter apples,—among them the new variety, "Clayton," introduced by a brother of Major Ragan, and originated (if my memory serves) in Indiana,—a very superior and long-keeping variety.

The utmost harmony characterized this meeting. The next annual meeting will be held at Hannibal.

THE PATERNAL GOVERNMENT THEORY.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The advocates of the proposition that the people are too much governed have been somewhat repressed since the War,—the policy of compelling citizens to be wise and good having gained the ascendency from the necessity of its adoption during the Rebellion. But the great question is coming up again under different phases. While some are advocating a strong, consolidated National Government, which shall irrepressibly promote all good enterprises and stamp out all bad ones, others demand protection, subsidies, tampering with the currency, as being in the interest of reign and a manifest usurpation of power. A full discussion of the question before the people would prove of advantage, since it underlies a great many others of practical importance.

In this country, Government derives all its just powers from the consent of the governed (including all persons old enough to consent to anything affecting their interests); and the point to be determined is the amount and kind of power which they have conferred, or ought to confer, upon it.

It is obvious that a people perfectly free would neither require nor submit to any outside force called Government, for entire freedom is only limited by the equal freedom of each individual; and, if every one properly governed his own acts, by abstaining from any trespass on the equal rights of each, even the impulse to commit a trespass would in time be eradicated. Full scope for each individual to work out his own destiny being given, there would be no motive existing to form a Government, for no one would choose to part with some of his powers to work a machinery by which some aggregate force would be lost and no advantage gained. If this is true in theory, it would seem to follow that, in practice, the functions of a Government for an intelligent and moral community should be limited, in a general sense, to powers necessary to protect its citizens from trespasses upon their rights of person and property; and that even such powers should be narrowed as the community progresses.

This view is opposed to many of our inherited and acquired ideas; but, on the present subject, we may naturally distrust ideas derived from other times and countries. It cannot be maintained that our peoples have consented to make themselves subjects of a Government which they have established as an agency for certain purposes, or that their relations to it are such as the people of other countries, in either ancient or modern times, have sustained to theirs. All such Governments have been the usurped rule of the few over the many, the physical force of the latter being offset by their ignorance and superstition,—qualities which the rulers ever labored, directly or indirectly, to perpetuate. The various institutions, including religious and educational, established under such Governments, and transplanted here, have formed the minds of people to hold ideas favorable to authority; and men whose minds have been principally employed in absorbing the wisdom of the ancients or our forefathers, are not likely to expound correctly our relations to the State.

Though the limitation of power above mentioned would exclude some functions which are discharged by Government better than they could be at present by individuals or voluntary associations, yet that inconvenience is a less evil than the encroachments by a Government which has an indefinite field, and which, with the influx and growth of population and wealth, tends to annihilate individual freedom. We wonder at "Blue Laws" and "Sedition Laws," and others which were founded on superstition or deference to privilege; but the excessive exercise of doubtful powers (even while the necessary ones are neglected) is common in our day.

Private legislation, induced by lobbies and rings; immoderate grants of land and franchises to corporations, which, in return, bestow favors on public officers; the loaning of public funds and credit to enterprises which are vaguely alleged to "promote the general welfare"; the devotion of the time and money of officials to the election of men who, in many cases, have proved incompetent to manage their own affairs, and who urge claims before Department clerks whom they have appointed,—such abuses have become so frequent that schemes like the Credit Mobilier could be a prominent newspaper "the modern way of managing State and National legislation." And yet it is proposed that Government shall, in order to rescue the people from the clutches of corporations which it has created, monopolize the business of telegraphers and common-carriers.

"Protection," pure and simple, is the taking of money from all citizens, and giving it to a few who are designated by the lobby as carrying the most meritorious business; and the gift is without consideration or conditions,—the pretence being that, however the money may be used, it "will promote the general welfare."

On the other hand, it is notorious that Government, while claiming this class of powers, is comparatively inefficient to answer the ends of its creation; to prevent, detect, and punish trespasses on rights of person and property. The South is in a state of chronic disorder; while, in the North, all varieties of offences are committed, arrest and conviction are uncertain, and the pardoning power is often exercised capriciously. Whatever may be the cause, deficiency in the discharge of these duties has not kept pace with our National growth.

Civil Service Reform is offered as a panacea for the shortcomings of Government. It cannot, however, be manufactured to order. Any system which is not a growth from the necessities of the people would be as impracticable as Professor Locke's ready-made Government for Carolina.

A Government, to perform the immense duties which some would impose upon it, would need that perfect co-ordination of parts which is only seen in organisms made by the Divine Hand. The attempt to accomplish great results through its agency, among a people so impatient of them as ours, would lead to Personal Government,—a mill which does not, indeed, grind slowly, but which usually furnishes a bad quality of grist. Some of the evils alleged to be uncertain as the neglect or repugnance of citizens to fit themselves for politics, believed to be as uncertain as horse-racing or gambling, and the want of regard for minorities. Notwithstanding our material advantages, we cannot afford to neglect political science or despise unfashionable ideas, for Governments reach in a degree upon the people which created them, and their sway increases as individual freedom decays. John Stuart Mill, referring to Oriental nations, truly remarks: "A people may be progressive for a certain length of time, and then stop. When does it stop? When it ceases to possess individuality."

CHICAGO, Jan. 11, 1873. A. S. B.

UNION CATHOLIC LIBRARY.

The Union Catholic Library Association met last evening in the basement of St. Patrick's Church, corner of Adams and Desplaines streets, the President, W. J. Onahan, in the chair. The usual quarterly reports were read, showing a prosperous condition of affairs. A goodly amount of cash was shown to be in the exchequer, by the financial exhibit of the gentleman having the funds in charge. The Librarian reported that there were 1,000 volumes already on the shelves of the library, and 500 more books on the way and soon to be added thereto. Rooms in the school-building adjoining the church are at present used to contain the library, and also for a reading-room. The reading-room is supplied with the principal newspapers and periodicals of the day, and is well patronized. The membership of the Association is 350, and rapidly increasing. The occasional gatherings are exceedingly pleasant, the business being agreeably interlarded with music and literary exercises. Last evening was an exception to the general rule, although the attendance was considerably diminished by the unpropitious state of the weather. Next Tuesday evening the Association will be addressed by Father Garesche, one of the most eminent clergymen in the denomination, at St. Mary's Church, on Wabash avenue.

CHICAGO DRY GOODS MARKET.

TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 14.

Quiet still prevails in the dry goods market, the demand, as for several weeks past, being of a "hand to mouth" character. This, however, is no new feature at this season of the year, and does not occasion any uneasiness among jobbers. Present indications all point to an early opening of the spring trade, and to a season of more than unusual activity, and with all manufactured goods selling at relatively lower prices than are current for the raw materials; the tone of the market is one of pronounced firmness. The tendency in staple cotton textiles is still in an upward direction, and seasonable woollens are also strong. Among the changes in values since our last review, we note a ½c advance in Manville and Slater's paper cambrics, and ½c advance in Lonsdale, Fruit of the Loom, and Hill's bleached cottons. The carpet trade exhibits no improvement in point of activity, and the general market is weak and unsettled. Prices have declined 5@10c per yard during the week, and the tendency—in some brands, at least—is to a further reduction. Below are the quotations:

BROWN COTTONS.			
Atlantic A, 4-4	14	Cabot A, 4-4	13½c
Atlantic H, 4-4	12½	Cabot A, 4-4	13
Atlantic D, 4-4	13½	Cabot W, 4-4	13½
Atlantic P, 4-4	12	Lawrence, L L, 4-4	13
Indian Head, 4-4	14	Agawam P, 4-4	11½
Indian Head, 3-4	12½	Shawmut, L L	11
Stark A, 4-4	14	Swift River	10½
Nashville, 36-in	13½	Hoosier, 4-4	11½
Nashville, 30 in	11½	Utica	10
	PINK PRINTS.		
Nashua E, 60-in	15 c	Dwight Star, 4-4	14½c
Nashua E, 36-in	14½	Continental C	14½
Nashua O, 30-in	13½	Lawrence D	14½
Pepperell R, 60-in	14½	Shawmut R	13½
Pepperell R, 36-in	13½	Massachusetts B B	13
Pepperell O, 30-in	12½	Massachusetts R	11½
Pepperell N, 30-in	11½	Portsmouth P	9
	PRINTS.		
Marrimac W. Fink	13½c	Garner Fancy	11½c
Merrimac D. Fancy	11½	Amoskeag Fancy	10
Cocheco Fancy	12	Mourning	11 to 11½
Diamond Fancy	10½	Shirtwaist	9½ to 11½
Richmond Fancy	11½	Mallory Purple	11½
American Fancy	11½	Mallory Purple	11½
Spurgus Fancy	11½	Manchester	11½
Gloucester	11½	Wamsutta Fancy	9½
	GINGHAMS.		
Renfrew	14 c	Amoskeag	14 c
Lancaster	14	Glasgow	13
Bates	14	Hartford	13½
	CORSET JEANS.		
Naumkeag satteens	16½c	Rockport	13½c
Pequot satteens	15½	Columbian	13½ c
Laconia	13½	Indian Orchard	14½
	CAMBRICS.		
Garner Flat	8½c	Slater's Paper	11 c
Washington	8½	Manville Paper	11
High Colors, one cent extra.			
	BLEACHED COTTONS.		
Lonsdale cambric	22½c	Andro coggin, L	16 c
Lyman, do	21	Black stone, AA	15
New York Mills	20	Cabot, 4-4	14½
Wamsutta	18½	Dwight Star	15
Pride of the West	20	Western Product	13½
Langdon, GB	19	Harris	14½
Fruit of the Loom	17	Gold Medal	13½
Lonsdale	16½	Social, L	12½
Hill	15½	Green, G	11½
Auburn, A	16		
	TICKS.		
Minnehaha, 4-4	15 c	Methuen, AA	24
Minnehaha, 7-8	20	Willow Brook, No. 1	24
Amoskeag, ACA	30	Portland, AAA	28
Amoskeag, A	24	York, 32-inch	22
Amoskeag, D	21	York, 30-inch	21
Amoskeag, C	19	Pacific	15
Amoskeag, D	17	Swift River	13
	DENIMS.		
York Blue	25 c	Warren, AXA	22 c
Amoskeag	25	Warren, BB	20
Columbian	24	Warren, CC	17
Otis, AXA	22	Workingman's	17½
Otis, BB	20	Haymaker	15½
Otis, CC	17	Stanton	13½
	STRIPES.		
Minnehaha, 4-4	21½c	Whittenton, A	17½c
Amoskeag, 8-4	19	Whittenton, C	13½
Amoskeag, 3-4	13	American, 6-4	13½
Uncasville, A	14	American, 3-4	12½
	CARPET WARP.		
Standard white	37½c	Continental	39½c
Rockford, OOO	36	Bee Hive, colored	37½
Reaper City	34		
	CARPETINGS.		
	Tapestry Brussels.		
Bright's	$1.20	Higgins	$1.35
Crosslays	1.45	Bonnaz	1.55
	Three-Ply.		
Hartford, extra	$1.82½	Lowell	$1.40
Hartford, Imp'l	1.43	Smiths & Sanfords	1.50
	Ingrains.		
Smith's tapestry	$1.25	Lowell extra	$1.20
Hartford extra	1.20	Lowell superfine	1.05
Hartford med	1.05	Common wool	70@80c
Belgrado	90c	Dalzell	50@60
	Hemps.		
Common plain	22½@25c	Twilled and ex. pl'n	35c
	Mattings.		
English cocoa, best	35 c	China matting 4-4	20 c
American, common	55	China matting 5-4	35
American, best	75	China matting 6-4	40
Red and wh. ch'k 4-4	25	Red and wh. ch'k 6-4	45
Red and wh. ch'k 5-4	40		

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Spool thread, grain bags, etc., 30 days, or 3 per cent off 30 days.

Domestics, cottonades, Kentucky jeans, etc., 1 per cent off 30, 2 per cent off 10 days.

Regular department goods, 4 per cent, off 60, 5 per cent. off 30, 6 per cent off 10 days.

An Important Case.

From the Dubuque Times.

A decision has just been made by the Supreme Court of the United States of some importance in a legal sense and involving a considerable amount of money. The suit is the case of Charles B. Lynds *vs.* The County of Winnebago, in this State. It arose out of the following transaction: In 1860 the County of Winnebago issued bonds to the amount of $18,000 for the purpose of raising money to build a Court House. The bonds as executed in the county were taken to the City of New York by the County Judge of Winnebago County, for the purpose of raising money on them. These bonds being unnegotiable, the officer who was negotiating for them, by lack of certain stipulations in them, the County Judge prepared new bonds in New York City, procured a seal, there executed and sealed them officially, and negotiated them. The county afterward refused to pay either the interest or principal of the bonds, claiming that they were illegal and fraudulent, having been executed outside of the county. The plaintiff based his claim to recover on the ground that he was an innocent purchaser, the bonds having been made payable to bearer. In 1869, the case was tried in the United States Circuit Court at Des Moines, and judgment rendered in favor of the plaintiff. The plaintiff appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, which has just reversed the decision of the Court below. This, of course, will force the county to pay the bonds and interest, amounting in all to about $20,000.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

West Side.

13 SOUTH GREEN-ST.—FURNISHED ROOMS, with first-class board.

116 SOUTH SANGAMON-ST.—TWO GENTLEMEN can be accommodated with room and board; terms, $6 per week.

135 SOUTH PEORIA-ST.—PLEASANT FURNISHED front rooms, with board; also one single room.

173 WEST ADAMS-ST.—NICE WARM FRONT room, with board, for two young men, $4. Day board, $4.

177 SOUTH PEORIA-ST.—NICELY FURNISHED front parlor, with board.

229 WEST WASHINGTON-ST.—A BACK PARLOR to rent with board; house has all modern improvements.

230 WEST WASHINGTON-ST.—AN ELEGANTLY furnished front room, with board, suitable for gentleman and wife or two gentlemen. Day boarders accommodated.

231 WEST WASHINGTON-ST.—PLEASANT ROOMS to rent with board.

344 WEST WASHINGTON-ST.—VERY PLEASant rooms, with southern exposure, furnished and unfurnished, with the best of board. References given and required.

397 WEST RANDOLPH-ST.—NICELY FURNISHED rooms to rent, with board; house, modern conveniences; terms reasonable; family associates, etc.

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PEOPLE WISHING BOARD CAN FIND GOOD rooms, with board, at the ELENIS HOUSE, corner Randolph and Canal-sts.; terms very reasonable.

South Side.

43 HUBBARD-COURT.—NEW BOARDING-HOUSE; first-class board, with room, $3 to $5 per week, with board and lodging, $4 to $6.

49 HUBBARD-COURT—ROOMS AND BOARD for gentlemen. Good accommodations for day boarders.

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143 THIRD-AV.—FIRST-CLASS ROOMS AND board, at reasonable prices.

310 MICHIGAN-AV.—FRONT ROOM, WITH board, furnished or unfurnished; call through the week.

384 WABASH-AV.—AN ELEGANTLY-FURnished front room, and first-class table, for gentleman and wife; also room for two gentlemen.

694 WABASH-AV.—A FRONT SINGLE ROOM, with board; only those wanting first-class accommodations need apply.

748 MICHIGAN-AV.—TO RENT, WITH BOARD, a nicely furnished alcove room on second floor; hot and cold water. Also single room.

751 WABASH-AV.—HANDSOMELY FURNISHED rooms, with board, suitable for gentleman and wife; accommodations strictly first-class.

977 INDIANA-ST., CORNER TWENTY-FIRST-st.—A very fine front alcove room, with first-class board; accommodations for one single gentleman.

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BOARD—WITH FURNISHED ROOM FOR GENTLE man and wife. Terms must be reasonable and stated in reply. Address A F, or call at 379 Madison-st.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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INSTRUCTION.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

$1,000 TO LOAN ON CHICAGO REAL ESTATE, in sums to suit, at 8 per cent. Apply to GEO. C. SMITH & CO., 159 Clark-st

FOREIGN.

A Difference of Opinion Between Bismarck and Emperor William.

The Papal Allocution---Complaints Against Switzerland, Germany, and Spain.

Napoleon's Funeral to Take Place To-Day.

Did Austria Promise Aid to France?

NAPOLEON III.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Laboeuf and Generals Froissart and Failly have arrived at Chiselhurst from France, to attend the funeral of the ex-Emperor Napoleon.

It is stated that the Queen will visit the Empress Eugene after the funeral. Prince Teck has gone to Chiselhurst. The Commandant of the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, where the Prince Imperial is a cadet, has forbidden all entertainments until after the funeral.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Mr. Schenck, the American Minister, has gone to Chiselhurst. The crowds there are increasing by every train.

ITALY.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A translation of the full text of the latest Papal Allocution appears to-day in the *Catholic Review*. The Pope asserts that the sovereign rights of his secular principedom have been attacked; the clerics torn from their altars to do military duty; the Bishops denied the privilege of teaching youths, and their seminaries closed, and all because it is the wish and aim of the persecutors of the Pontificate to obliterate the Catholic Church, and the very name of Christ himself.

After detailing further alleged outrages, the document proceeds to state that ever now there has been proposed in the Legislative Chambers, as they call it, a law not wholly dissimilar from that which, notwithstanding our protests and solemn condemnation, has already been put into execution in other parts of Italy, which must be extinguish, even here in the centre of the Catholic faith, the religious congregations and confiscate the goods of the Church and offer them at public auction.

The persecutions in Germany, Switzerland, and Spain are next alluded to. In reference to Germany, it is set forth that, adding calumny and derision to agony, the rulers of that country do not hesitate to attribute their cruel persecution to the faults of the Catholics, forsooth that these prelates and priesthood refuse to prefer the laws and will of the civil empire to the holy laws of God and the Church. The civil authorities of some of the cantons of the Swiss Republic, the Holy Father goes on to say, have entered upon the same path as the German Empire, and not less grave is what the Church suffers in Catholic Spain from the hands of the civil powers. There a law concerning the endowment of the clergy has been proposed and ratified, which is calculated to increase the destitution and servitude of the clergy. Sadder things are also to be told of that small but impudent band of Armenians, who, especially at Constantinople, have endeavored, by audacious fraud and violence, to overwhelm the much greater number who remain faithful in their duty and faith. In conclusion, the Pope reviews the situation. "The Lord," he says, "has truly smitten us, venerable brothers, with his sword, hard, great, and strong, but let us endeavor to appease the Divine anger in this acceptable time of the advent of our Lord."

FRANCE.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—The Committee of Thirty sat to-day at Versailles, Thiers being present.

The report of the Sub-Committee was read. It proposes the adoption of the following decree by the Assembly:

WHEREAS, The Assembly integrally reserves to itself constituent power, it hereby decrees: 1. The President of the Republic shall communicate to the Assembly by message. Nevertheless, he may be heard, after announcing by message his intention to do so, at the close of his speech the debate will be adjourned to a subsequent sitting in order that a vote shall not be taken when the President is by. 2. The President shall promulgate all the laws declared urgent within three days after their passage, or demand a fresh debate thereon, and all laws not declared urgent he shall promulgate within one month of their passage, or they suspend the third reading of the same for one month. 3. After the dissolution of the present Assembly its power shall devolve upon two Chambers.

The report also recommends that the Committee of Thirty be instructed by the Assembly to prepare a law regulating elections and prescribing the qualification of electors, and a law defining the powers of the Second Chamber. Thiers expressed dissatisfaction with portions of the Sub-Committee's report. He said the sovereign power over legislation was wholly insufficient, and he objected to the excessive formalities required before he could address the Assembly. He urged that provision be made for an extension of the Executive power for a term of six weeks after the day on which the Assembly might dissolve. In other respects he could agree to the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

AUSTRIA.

LONDON Jan. 14.—The *Daily Telegraph* publishes a letter from Duke De Grammont, announcing an early refutation of Count Von Beust's statements as to Austria's policy toward France at the beginning of the Franco-German war. The Duke says he will prove that Austria, after the declaration of war, promised France material support. She only required time to arm herself and find a pretext for hostilities with Prussia. The opportunity would be furnished in an *ultimatum* to Prussia demanding the observance of the stipulations of the treaty of Prague. This would be refused, and Austria would then join France in an alliance offensive and defensive.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Jan. 14.—The Cortes reassembles to-morrow. Its first business will be to appoint a special committee on the bill for the abolition of slavery in Porto Rico. The King has summoned Marshal Serrano to the Palace, and held a long consultation with him.

The journals are full of various comments on the circumstance.

Another detachment of troops, 500 strong, sail to-morrow for Cuba.

The largest Carlist band in Biscay has been dispersed by troops. Its leader, Goirlena, escaped, and has probably reached the frontier.

GERMANY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A London letter says that the retirement of Bismarck from the Prussian Cabinet is really due to the differences arising between him and the Emperor William on the Church question. The Kaiser became alarmed at Bismarck's course toward the Catholics, and declined to further follow the Prince in his policy.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—Herr Von Selchow, Minister of Agriculture, of the Prussian Cabinet has resigned, and Herr Von Konigsmarck has been appointed to succed him.

CUBA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The *Herald* states that the steamer Edgar Stewart, which recently sailed from Aspinwall and Carthagena, with a full cargo of arms, ammunition, and some forty recruits for the Cuban revolutionists, under the Cuban General Aguero, has successfully landed all her cargo on the Cuban coast.

CHINA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A letter from a naval officer states that the foreign population at Tien Twin, near Pekin, are much alarmed from the fact that the Chinese are being liberally supplied with breech-loading arms.

PERSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Shah of Persia will leave Teheran next April on a European tour. He will visit St. Petersburg, Berlin, Vienna, London, Paris, and Constantinople.

River News.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 14.—The river is falling. The weather is cool and was misty during parch of the forenoon, with a prospect of rain.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 14.—The river is about stationary at 5 feet 5 inches. The weather is cloudy and warm, with occasional indications of rain. River matters are unchanged.

CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 14—Noon.—Arrived—The Quickstep, from Evansville. No departures. A heavy fog this morning on the river prevented the Columbus packet from coming up. The ice is still heavy in the Ohio. It has rained since 2 o'clock this morning, and the weather is warm.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 14.—The river is falling slowly. A drizzling rain fell last night, and it is raining to-day. Departed—The Louisville, Minnesota, and Nick Longworth, for New Orleans. The Oakland is putting her tow through the canal.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

WISCONSIN.

Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.

SENATE.

MADISON, Jan. 14.—So much of the Governor's message as relates to railroad passes was referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

The resolution for printing 2,000 copies of the Governor's message in English occasioned quite a debate, a number of amendments being offered to print in foreign languages and rejected finally by 1 to 29.

The joint resolution offered by Senator R. Davis, Liberal, favoring penny letter postage, free distribution of newspapers in the State where published, and abolishing the franking privilege, was adopted.

Bills were introduced to confer benefits upon the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society, by an appropriation of $2,500 for sundry of its office expenses, printing, etc.; to amend Chapter 13 of the General laws of 1871, so as to provide for letting to the lowest bidder the publication of delinquent tax-lists, where the lands for sale exceed 4,000 descriptions; those for redemption, 2,500; to repeal Chapter 8 of the General Laws of 1871, providing for a change of venue in certain cases; to provide for executing the trust assumed by the State of Wisconsin in its acceptance of grants of land made by Congress by conferring the Superior and Sioux land grants on the North Wisconsin Railroad Company; declaratory of the intent and meaning of Section 2 of Chapter 130 of the general laws of 1869, relative to the exemption of property of Masons and like secret societies; to enable persons to obtain justice freely.

Senator Irish was invited to open daily with prayer, by a vote of 22 to 7—after a little debate.

ASSEMBLY.

The session was opened with prayer, for the first time, the Rev. P. S. Mather, Methodist, officiating.

The papers in the contest of the seat of Mr. Weiss, of Milwaukee, by Mr. Bond, were presented.

The Committees on Judiciary, on Railroads and Engrossed and Enrolled bills, were each authorized to employ a clerk.

A resolution was offered to amend the Constitution so as to have the Assembly elected once in two years and the Senate once in four years, half biennially, and the Legislature meet only biennially.

Bills were introduced to amend Section 57, Chapter 7, R. S., and Section 1, Chapter 85, laws of 1861; providing additional checks on the return and canvass of votes; to amend Section 2, Chapter 144, laws of 1872, exempting cheese factories from its provision in regard to capital of manufacturing associations; of Mr. Palmer, to amend Section 3, Chapter 101 R. S., relative to the payment of debts and legacies of deceased persons, when there is no property except the homestead or other exempt property; and a few local bills, including one authorizing the City of Madison to borrow $25,000 from the State Trust Funds to aid in building a High School.

The House memorial in favor of the Soldiers' Bounty Land bill was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, as also the Senate memorial to Congress for the protection of the Chippewa Indians against being defrauded of their lands by swindling sales to favorites without due notice.

There was some discussion on the Senate joint resolution for an investigation of the management of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. One member strongly favored it, who procured the postponement of similar Assembly resolutions last evening, of which the indications are that it makes considerable difference with some members who is appointed on the Committee. The resolution was finally concurred in, and the investigation will be begun forthwith.

The Governor transmitted a report of Captain John Morris, of what the Governor aptly terms "a geological reconnoissance of the mineral regions of the State."

The following are the principal standing committees of the Assembly, partially announced by the Speaker, and filled out during the day:

Judiciary—Patterson, of Roe; Barton, of East Claire; Curtis, of Brown; Gibbs, of Walworth; Bleekman, of Monroe; Palmer, of Milwaukee; Sat. Clark, of Dodge.

Ways and Means—Pound, of Chippewa; James, of Richland; Laird, of Fond du Lac; Brecker, of Milwaukee.

Federal Relations—Bartlett, of Eau Claire; Bintran, of Brown; Stebbins, of Kewaunee; Viles, of Dane; Stamps, of Milwaukee.

Education—Hubbell, of Oconto; Putnam, of Richland; Sayre, of Rock; Lee, of Buffalo; Doyle, of Crawford.

Railroads—Felt, of Rock; Farr, of Kenosha; Houghton, of Pepin; Foote, of Green Lake; Clements, of Portage; McMillan, of LaCrosse; Palmer, of Milwaukee; Clark, of Dodge; Rankin, of Manitowoc.

Insurance, Banks, and Banking—McMillan, of LaCrosse; Brennan, of Columbia; Parks, of Waukesha; Wall, of Winnebago.

State Affairs—Curtis, of Brown; Loper, of Fond du Lac; Seaman, of Milwaukee; Giles, of Grant; Villas, of Dane; Weil, of Washington; Becker, of Milwaukee.

Incorporations—Nicholas, of Juneau; Young, of Sauk; Rhoda, of Waukesha; Plumer, of Marathon; Stephens, of Grant.

Assessment and Collection of Taxes—Putnam, of Richland; Vanblaick, of Milwaukee; Cornwell, of Dane; Sander, of Milwaukee; Bunkle, of Dodge.

Lumber and Manufactures—Foster, Winnebago; Ostrander, of Jefferson; Sanger, of Milwaukee; Hubbell, of Oconto; Roemer, of Outagamie.

Printing—Brannan, of Columbia; Merritt, of Clark; Douglass, of Walworth; Becker, of Milwaukee; Putnam, of Sheboygan.

Agriculture—Thornton, of Dane; Richards, of Racine; Luschinger, of Green; Tobin, of Milwaukee.

State Lands—Slate, of Vernon; McConnell, of Winnebago; Parsons, of Pierce; Becher, of Milwaukee; Steinfort, of Jefferson.

Claims—Kelsey, of Marquette; Cheever, of Rock; Leland, of Walworth; Rowe, of Iowa; Davis, of Dodge.

Charitable and Penal Institutions—Cheever, of Rock; Kelsey, of Marquette; Bardwell, of Washburn; Richards, of Racine; Rankin, of Manitowoc; McGrath, of Milwaukee.

MICHIGAN.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LANSING, Jan. 14.—The Legislature accomplished nothing to-day. An animated debate took place on the bill defining a day's labor at ten hours; also on the joint resolution asking a land grant for the Marquette, Sault Ste. Marie & Mackinac Railroad, which was brought up on reconsideration, and on the bill requiring railroads to build walls or fences all along the route, and take other precautions for the protection of farmers. All these will be further discussed.

The long list of Notaries Public will probably be acted upon to-morrow.

The Senate passed an appropriation bill for the payment of the members, $40,000.

A joint resolution was introduced, commending the Congressional project of a National Park on Mackinaw Island.

NEW JERSEY.

TRENTON, Jan. 14.—The Legislature organized to-day by electing John W. Taylor President of the Senate, and Isaac L. Fisher Speaker of the House. Governor Parker's message says the finances are flourishing, and the invested school fund reaches $800,000. The State institutions are all in good condition. A Convention to amend the Constitution in various respects is recommended. New Jersey is urged to take a conspicuous part in the commemoration of the National Centennial. The Governor says it is a cause for congratulation that no exciting questions growing out of the war are settled, and the Constitutional Amendments are peaceably organized, and concludes by protesting against the growing tendency towards centralization and against any infringement of the clearly reserved rights of the States.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 14.—The two Houses of the Legislature voted separately for United States Senator to-day. The vote in the House stood: Bogy, 86; Henderson, 38. In the Senate: Bogy, 25; Henderson, 10; absent, 9. To-morrow, the vote will be taken in joint session.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.—In the lower house of the Legislature this afternoon, Mr. Newman offered a resolution stating that reports were in circulation that money had been used in the Senatorial contest, and calling for a Committee of five to investigate the charges and report to the House as soon as practicable. After considerable discussion, the resolution was adopted.

ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, Jan. 14.—The House, to-day, passed the Senate joint resolution agreeing to the pending Constitutional amendment doing away with the disfranchising article of the Constitution, so as to have the Assembly elected once in two years and the Senate once in four years, half biennially, and the Legislature meet only biennially.

Both Houses to-day balloted for United States Senator without a choice. In both Houses the vote stood as follows: S. W. Dorsey 39; Thomas M. Bowen, 25; O. P. Snyder, 7; Alexander McDonald, 1; all Republicans. A. H. Garland, Democrat, 34. The Democrats are rather jubilant. They think to-night enough Republicans will come to the support of Garland to elect him.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 14.—General W. McMullen was to-day unanimously elected by the People's Legislature United States Senator, to fill Kellogg's unexpired term.

A ballot was taken for the long term, commencing March 4. Governor Warmoth received 9 votes in the Senate and 18 in the House, the largest number cast for any one candidate. They will ballot each day until a result is reached.

In the Kellogg Senate, when a motion was made to go into an election for United States Senator for the short term, a number of members stated that the Senate was not informed that such vacancy existed.

No further action.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 14.—Pinchback has been elected United States Senator by the Kellogg Legislature.

FLORIDA.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 14.—The Legislature convened yesterday. Governor Hart sent several Cabinet appointments to the Senate, which, it is rumored, were treated with contempt. A funding scheme is on foot which contemplates the issue of $1,000,000 in gold-bearing bonds.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 14.—In the House, a bill was introduced defining what constitutes life insurance companies, and prescribes a penalty for transacting business in Ohio for unauthorized life insurance companies.

PERTEET.

The Motion for a Continuance Overruled by the Will County Circuit Court.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JOLIET, Ill., Jan. 14.—At the coming in of the Court, this morning, the case of the People against Andrew J. Perteet was called up, and his counsel, Judge Knowlton, asked and obtained leave to file another or second affidavit, for concurrence of which he swore that John H. Harvey was a material witness for him, and that he was in the State of Missouri; that he expected to show by this witness that at the hour of Martha F. Perteet's death, he (the defendant) was on State street, forty rods away. Mr. Reed objected to the sufficiency of either affidavit, and, by permission of the Court, the defendant amended both of them. After argument, the Court decided as to the first one, that, from the evidence quoted, he did not think the evidence of Charles Williams would be material if he was here to give it, and that proper diligence had not been shown in trying to procure the attendance of Harvey, hence the motion for a continuance would be overruled.

The selection of a jury then at once began, and a jury was obtained in a little less than three hours, two-thirds of whom are farmers. Only one man was excused, because he had heard enough of the case to form an opinion. Judge Knowlton, for the defendant, seemed to especially object to foreigners and church members, while Mr. Reed appeared willing to take any person who was not opposed to hanging if murder was proven. Besides, he evinced a very commendable disposition to not occupy any more time than was actually necessary. The opening of both counsel to the jury was brief. Dr. Ben. C. Miller and Lucinda J. Nowson, the defendant's daughter, were both sworn and gave substantially the same evidence as on the first trial.

At the close of Mr. Reed's statement of the case to the jury before the evidence was commenced, there was quite an excitement created in Court by a large number of the large audience in the court room giving applause with their hands and feet. The Court ordered the arrest of all that could be pointed out as engaged in the demonstration, but no person was arrested. The Court announced that he would send any person to jail for fifteen days that should be detected in a similar demonstration. The trial will probably close to-morrow.

THE COAL CORNER.

Gigantic Operations of President Gowen, of the Reading Railroad.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The *Sun's* Pottsville, Pa., correspondent says the man who is engineering the great coal corner is Frank B. Gowen, President of the Reading Railroad. Mr. Gowen's first great move was the purchase of vast coal tracts, to accomplish which he negotiated millions of capital in England. To own and control all the anthracite coal in the United States is what Mr. Gowen desires for his Company, and if he can effect alliance with Mr. Parker, and one or two other magnates of the anthracite, he has been perfected between himself and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad) they will they hold the keys to the anthracite coal mines of Pennsylvania, and be able to "bull" or "bear" the markets at will. In Philadelphia the coal dealers are threatened with utter ruin. The heaviest dealers are trembling in consciousness of Mr. Gowen's power, and their utter helplessness to save themselves. Mr. Gowen has gone into the coal business on a mammoth scale in that city. He has opened yards, and having his coal mines and railroad to transport his coal, no private parties can compete with him. The same projects will be carried out in Reading, Lancaster, Harrisburg, Allentown, and such other cities as he chooses, until finally the whole of Pennsylvania and adjacent will be under the control of the Reading Company as far as the supply of coal is concerned.

NEW YORK.

Extortionate Legal Fees—The Coal Trade—Game Laws—The National Land Reform Association—The Tweed Case—Stokes' Bill of Exceptions—The Case of Phelps, Dodge & Co.—Other Local News.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Mr. Nelson, formerly confidential clerk with Phelps, Dodge & Co., who gave to the United States authorities the information of the alleged frauds committed by the firm, is furnishing to the press the facts on which the suit is based. He says it is true that the firm evaded payment of the legal duties on their importations by the fraudulent use of double invoices. Nelson was instructed to destroy these double invoices after serving their purpose, which he did for a time, but, finding himself suspected, he preserved and now has them in his possession. He now says he has the papers proving a fraud of nearly $3,000,000. After his discharge he showed his hand to the firm, and to insure his silence they gave him $5,000 cash and a note for a similar amount. They declined to pay the latter on maturity, and Nelson lodged the information against them.

[By the Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A Committee of the Bar Association report the existence of extortion in the fee business in county offices. They recommend the regulation of the fee system by legislation.

The reports that the combination in the coal trade will increase the price of coal are erroneous. One of the leading coal companies doing business in this city says that it never contemplated joining any such combination.

At the annual meeting of the Sportsman's Club, last night, resolutions were passed asking the Legislature to restore the law for the protection of deer, which was neutralized by changes made last winter.

The Executive Committee of the National Land Reform Association yesterday passed resolutions against the passage of the Holman Homestead bill, as an insufficient measure for the purpose of giving a fund to discharged soldiers.

In the opening of the Tweed trial, Cassady, of the prosecution, denied that there was any measure taken yesterday for the removal of any of the jury as objectionable. Ex-Deputy Comptroller Sterrs was called as the first witness, but Tweed's lawyers interposed, demanding that the prosecution select some particular count of the indictments under which they would proceed, they denying that Tweed was ever amenable as Auditor, as no such office existed, and, besides, the law forbade Tweed from holding any such office, he being a Senator. After argument by Tremaine and Field, Judge Davis rendered a decision overruling the objections raised by the defendant's counsel, stating, however, that some of them were of sufficient importance to be passed upon by the appellate tribunal after a more deliberate argument.

On the authority of John D. Townsend, of the counsel for Stokes, the report of the withdrawal of Tremain from the case is declared false. It is understood that the bill of exceptions was submitted to the District Attorney to-day.

Judge Barbour, this afternoon, granted a second temporary instruction against John Foley, restraining him from performing the duties of Deputy Chamberlain, at the suit of Chamberlain Palmer.

The members of the Bar of the United States Courts, Second District, meet next Friday, to take action on the retirement of Judge Nelson from the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Board of Managers of the New York Produce Exchange to-day passed resolutions favoring a liberal canal policy on the part of the State, the lowering of the tolls, keeping the canals in good repair, and the adoption of measures to facilitate the passage of boats, and appointing a Committee of five to go to Albany and endeavor to influence legislation favorable to the development of the canal system.

DETROIT.

Organization of the City Government for 1873—Masonic.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 14.—The new City Government was organized this evening, and Alderman W. H. Langley was re-elected President of the Common Council for 1873. Mayor Moffat's message reports the total bonded debt of the city at $877,400; increase during year, $69,500, chiefly on sewer bonds. During the year there have been laid down 15¼ miles of new water-pipes, and 3 3-5 miles of sewers have been constructed. The Mayor recommends the commencement of work on the new water works. The balance in the Treasury at the close of the calendar year was $120,705.

The Masonic Grand Lodge met here to-day, and will remain in session two days. Grand Master Henry Chamberlain submitted his annual report to-day. The number of new lodges chartered during the year was twelve. Mr. Chamberlain took sharp ground against the erection of any State Masonic Temple.

POLITICAL.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 14.—The New Hampshire Republican State Convention met here to-day, 525 delegates present. Daniel Hall presided. Governor Straw was nominated for reelection by acclamation. Edward P. Hodsdon was nominated Railroad Commissioner.

The resolutions adopted insist that the Philadelphia platform shall be faithfully and practically observed by a wise and economical administration of National affairs; by a thorough reform of the Civil Service; by an equal reduction of taxation as will gradually diminish the public debt, and certainly preserve the public credit; by such an adjustment of duties upon foreign imports as will cheapen the necessities of life and bring the largest return to labor and the capital invested in the agriculture, manufactures, and commerce of this country, and by the rigid enforcement of those articles of the Constitution which guarantee equal rights and exact justice to all classes, irrespective of race, color, sex, or condition.

FIRES.

Destruction of Property Yesterday.

DANENPORT, Iowa, Jan. 14.—A fire here, at 4 o'clock this morning, partially burned a jeweler's shop, a drug store, a barber shop, a tobacco store, billiard hall, and a photograph gallery, all occupying an old brick building on Brady street, between Third and Fourth streets. The loss is from $2,000 to $3,000, partially insured.

BOSTON, Jan. 14.—Last evening a fire was set under a stairway of a tenement building, whereby all means of escape was cut off, but fortunately it was discovered in time for the inmates, consisting of two families, with three children each, to escape.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Berkowits' clothing store on Catherine street, and the adjoining premises, were burned last evening. The losses amount to $35,000.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 14.—The Juneau schoolhouse, in the First Ward, was burned at 1½ o'clock this afternoon. There were 1,800 pupils in attendance, but they were at dinner when the house burned. The loss to the city is about $10,000.

THE WEATHER.

War Department Prognostications.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, DIVISION OF TELEGRAMS AND REPORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14.—Probabilities—For New England, winds veering to easterly and southerly, cloudy weather and rain for southern portion, and snow for northern portion. For the Middle States, easterly to southerly winds, cloudy weather and rain. For the South Atlantic States, southerly to westerly winds, cloudy weather, and possibly rain. For the Gulf States, cloudy weather, and rain in areas, but winds veering to westerly and northwesterly during Wednesday, with clearing weather. From Tennessee to Lake Erie and lower Michigan, southerly to easterly winds, cloudy weather and rain, but winds shifting to westerly and northwesterly on Wednesday afternoon and night. From Wisconsin and Illinois northwesterly winds, falling temperature, and clearing but partly cloudy weather.

PEORIA.

Cessation of the "Review"—McNulty's Efforts for a Commutation of Sentence.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 14.—The proprietors of the *Transcript* and of the *Democrat* have purchased the Peoria *Evening Review* to-day, and that paper announces that its last issue will appear to-morrow evening. The paper will probably go out of existence.

McNulty is anxiously awaiting the success of the efforts that are being made by his Catholic friends to have his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 14.—General Stephen A. Hurlbut, Congressman-elect from the Fourth District, was present at the Board of Trade to-day, and delivered an able address on railroad transportation and kindred subjects.

WRECKED.

Destruction of Vessel Property and Many Lives Lost.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The ship Anna Lassen, from Lillesand, Norway, for New York, was run into and sunk, and three of her crew drowned.

An American bark, name unknown, is ashore in the British Channel, and is breaking up. All on board are supposed to be lost.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14.—A cablegram from Liverpool reports the foundering of the ship Tennessee off Gibraltar. She was loaded with cotton from Mobile. It is reported that eleven men were lost. She was owned here.

Railroad News.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 14.—In the Supreme Court, to-day, the case of the State of Ohio against the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company, was decided by a judgment of ouster against the defendants as to its being an Ohio corporation, and judgment in favor of defendants as to its being a foreign corporation, and having a right to operate the road in Ohio. The effect of this decision is in favor of the State, as it brings the Company under the general legislation of Ohio.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Jan. 14.—Trains came through from St. Paul via Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, today, for the first time for a week.

The Mystery Explained.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Jan. 14.—The mystery about the death of the boy William Donovan, at Hickory Bush, was explained to-day. The boy, with three others, went into the house of Mrs. Perry, when Richard Perry took down and began playing with an old musket, not knowing it was loaded. The gun was discharged, and the charge lodged in the boy's skull, killing him instantly.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Admiral Alden's fleet has arrived at Villa Franca.

The American fleet will sail from Villa Franca for Smyrna.

Mr. P. Sharaman, formerly Chief Clerk of the Internal Revenue Bureau at Washington, has been appointed Treasurer of the Erie Railway Co. *vice* Hodgkin, resigned.

Farmer's Convention.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Jan. 14.—A meeting of delegates to the Bloomington Farmers' Convention was held here to-day, and in view of the delays and difficulties in the way, attempting to regulate through freight by State legislation, it was agreed to urge upon the Convention the adoption of resolutions as follows:

First—It is the duty of Congress to authorize the immediate construction of a double track road from East to West, and lease it to the people at a low rate, the same as the Erie Canal is operated.

Second—Our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to urge this project of the two Houses.

Third—Our General Assembly are requested to pass a joint resolution asking Congress to act on the subject.

Fourth—For the purpose of aiding in securing this and other objects, the organization of "Farmers' Clubs" are recommended in every township.

Fifth—Copies of these resolutions and proceedings are to be forwarded to each of our Illinois Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the presiding officers of both branches of the Legislature.

THE MARSEILLES ABDUCTION.

An American Lady Two Years a Captive in Egypt—How She Was Carried Off, and How Released.

For the past few weeks the City of Marseilles, France, has been intensely excited, in consequence of a very singular affair, the heroine of which is a lady of American birth, and excellent connections in this country. About six years ago, Henry F. Bigelow, a commission merchant of No. 210 Canal street, New Orleans, failed in that city, in consequence of losses sustained during the civil war, and went to Marseilles, where he soon succeeded in obtaining a good position in a prominent mercantile house. Mr. Bigelow was a widower, and was accompanied by his only daughter, Bertha, then about 18 years old, and endowed with remarkable personal charms. Her father moved in the best society of his new home, and the beauty and grace of his daughter were not long in attracting admirers. She treated them politely, but, after all, coldly, until one day she was brought in contact with a dashing French seaman, the First Lieutenant on one of the Marseilles and Oriental steamships. His name was Maurice Kervel. He was but little over 30 years old, tall and handsome, an excellent conversationalist, and the very man to win the good graces of a susceptible young lady. He became very intimate with Miss Bertha Bigelow, and one day he astonished her father not a little by asking him for the hand of his charming daughter. Mr. Bigelow was at first inclined to look favorably upon the suit of the enamored sailor, the more so as his daughter seemed to reciprocate his affection; but a close inquiry into the affairs and character of M. Maurice Kervel, convinced Mr. Bigelow that he was not a suitable match for his daughter. He found that Kervel was a man of extravagant habits and choleric temper; that when under the influence of liquor he was extremely quarrelsome, and has fought several duels; that he had left him, and that he had nothing to depend on but his very modest pay. The result of all this was that he was requested to discontinue his visits. Kervel left Mr. Bigelow muttering threats of revenge.

Miss Bertha seemed to care very little about the breaking off of this flirtation with her lover, for in July of the same year she married a merchant named Jouvinel, a man of means, with whom she lived happily for a year. In June, 1869, her husband returned one evening to his delightful country residence, but to his astonishment, did not find his wife in her apartments. He questioned the servants about the whereabouts of his wife, mistress, and they said that they had seen Mme. Jouvinel walking in the garden a little before dusk. M. Jouvinet searched every nook of the garden and the neighborhood, but not a trace of his beautiful wife was to be found. He sent out messengers in all directions, but they returned without bringing any information. An examination of the lady's bedroom furnished no clew whatever as to where she might have gone. The husband passed a wretched night, hoping every moment for his wife's return; but morning dawned, and she had not yet come. He then sent for the police, and several detectives began to look for the missing lady. They were unable to find any trace of her after a protracted and patient search. Advertisements, offers of large rewards for information concerning her, remained without result. Both the husband and father abandoned all hopes of seeing her again, and an impenetrable veil seemed to surround her fate. Jouvinet, after mourning for her loss for eighteen months, applied to the Courts to annul his marriage with Miss Bigelow, and he was waiting for a rendition of the decree when, on the 3d of November last, an event of the most startling character occurred. He was seated in his counting-room in the Rue Grande, pouring over his books, when the door was suddenly opened, and a veiled lady entered. She threw back her veil, and displayed a bronzed face, the features of which he knew only too well. In the next moment he rushed into her arms, exclaiming, "Bertha! Bertha!" It is his long-lost wife.

The explanations she gave him while they sat locked in each other's arms, about her sudden disappearance, were so strange that even the chroniquer of the Marseilles *Nouvelists*, to whose pen we are indebted for all these particulars, confessed he had rarely met with anything more romantic in his long journalistic career. Mme. Jouvinet stated that on the evening when she had been parted from her husband she had gone into the garden to breathe a little fresh air. All of a sudden she had been seized by several men, who rushed from behind a shrub. In an instant they had blindfolded and gagged her, and carried her to a carriage, which rapidly drove off with her. Then she had become unconscious, and when she awoke she found herself in the cabin of a ship, which was rocking in the waves. To her dismay, Maurice Kervel was the first who entered her cabin. He told her coolly that he had long ago left the naval service of France, and was now master of a bark in the Levant trade. She then implored him to restore her to liberty which he refused, informing her at the same time that she would henceforth have to live with him at his villa in the environs of Alexandria; and he threatened to kill her in case she attempted to escape. Her prayers, her tears, her despair, were unavailing, and, trusting to meet by-and-by with an opportunity to communicate with her folks, she followed Kervel to Alexandria. The house to which he took her there was situated about three miles from the city; it was well furnished, and she was well treated, except that she was not allowed to leave the place. A very strict surveillance was kept over her by the servants, whose language she was unable to understand. She began already to despair, when Kervel one day told her she must go with him up the Nile. Two days afterward he brought her to the country place of a wealthy Egyptian, Balan Bey, and, to her horror, she found that Kervel had sold her to him, and that she was henceforth to be the inmate of an Oriental harem, filled with Egyptian and Abyssinian women, who looked with decided aversion upon the fair new-comer. For four months she endured all the horrors of this life, when she was one day introduced by Balan Bey to an elderly man, who was no other than Muher Pasha, a noted Egyptian diplomatist, and conversant with the French language. She confided herself to him, and he immediately promised to restore her to her husband. A few days afterward she was on board the Alexandrian steamship Calathea, bound for Marseilles.

The Marseilles papers, in commenting on this extraordinary case, demand that President Thiers should insist upon the extradition of Kervel on the part of the Egyptian authorities. Kervel is said to be quite a favorite of the Khedive's, and a man of the most desperate character.

OUTRAGED JUSTICE.

Exciting and Amusing Scene in a Pittsburgh Court.

Pittsburgh, Pa., (Jan. 11), Correspondence of the New York Herald.

The office of Alderman McMasters, in the Fifth Ward, was this afternoon the scene of a row of the liveliest description, the participants being men of national reputation. It appears that some time during the late Presidential campaign Theodore Tilton dropped in upon Pittsburgh for the purpose of delivering an address in favor of Horace Greeley for President. He did not belong to the Democratic, and the Executive Committee did not bother themselves about providing him with a place to speak. However, one delegate to the Cincinnati Convention introduced him to William McClurg, owner of the Academy of Music, and a bargain was struck for the hall on behalf of a mixed commission—that is, Liberals and Democrats. Since the election the proprietor has been running his shoes down endeavoring to find somebody to pay his bill, the Committee's affairs having gone into liquidation long ago, and, after spending months in this unprofitable amusement, he concluded to bring suit against a few prominent men of the late lamented Liberal movement.

Summonses were issued on the Mr. Thomas Marshall, known throughout the country as one of Mr. Greeley's staunchest supporters and workers; Dr. James King, Liberal candidate for Congress in the Twenty-second District; Mr. James K. Moorhead, Dr. H. T. Coffey, and Hon. W. D. Moore, Chairman of the County Executive Democratic Committee.

The case did not develop anything extraordinary, the counsel on both sides agreeing on all actions for debt until the cross-examination of Mr. Marquine by Mr. Marshall. As the examination got on, witness and counsel for the Liberal Bung of defendants got up an edifying trial of it, at which the latter got the best of his inexperienced opponent. The questions worked the witness up to fever heat, and, rushing up to Mr. Marshall, he doubled up his fist, and, shaking it under the aldermen's nose, remarked:

"I want you to understand that I'm not paid for swearing."

This remark did not ease his wrath to any appreciable extent, and before he had scarcely ceased speaking he let drive at the lawyer, taking him fairly in the eye and staggering him against the wall. The latter was encumbered with a heavy overcoat, but he seized his assailant by the throat, and while backing him to the wall got him into chancery, doubled him up like a jack-knife and draped both eyes in the highest style of art. This episode created the wildest excitement.

The distinguished audience looked on aghast for a moment; then numbers of them sloped toward the door. Alderman McMasters, with surprising agility, jumped from his seat and seized the belligerent witness, and, with some assistance ejected him from the office, the exit being accelerated by sundry kicks administered by the outraged Magistrate.

While this scene was being enacted at the door wrangling between plaintiff's and defendants' counsel continued. As soon as the Alderman resumed his seat, Mr. Marshall asked for judgment for defendants, reiterating the remark that McClurg never paid his own debts, were on judgments. Mr. McClurg promptly responded to the charge by calling the attorney a liar. The attorney reached for his man, and McClurg, though a little man, was so wedged in among the crowd that he could not budge, and escape from the terrible visitations of Marshall's boot was out of the question; so he grinned with pain until he succeeded in crowding through the throng and reached the threshold. Then he went down Fifth avenue at a high rate of speed, and soon disappeared from view. Counsel for the plaintiff then announced that he had withdrawn from the suit. Mr. Marshal then demanded judgment for the defence, and the magistrate decided to his demand, with the following official endorsement:

"Dismissed because of blackguard and villanous conduct of the plaintiff in presence of the 'Squire."

Thus ended the battle which proved a victory for the Liberal cause. Several suits for assault and battery will be instituted on Monday.

FIGHT WITH A KANGAROO.

The Men and Dogs are Beaten Off, and the Marsupial Remains Master of the Field.

*From the Inglewood (Australia)